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Protection of wages sought

KUWAIT, Nov. 16. (Reuters): Kuwait labour unions, the only legal ones in the Gulf, have demanded higher pensions, more holidays and protection of salaries from state budget cuts.

The General Federation of Kuwaiti Workers said in a statement today after a Nov 12-14 conference that workers should not bear the burden of government spending cuts.

Kuwait has cut budgets in some areas in recent years to reduce a hefty deficit brought on by the falling world price of oil since 1982.

Demand

The federation has around 12,000 Kuwaiti members, almost all employees of the government and oil sector. A list of 38 demands included pensions equal to 100 per cent of salaries in the government sector instead of the 90 per cent maximum.

The unions also demanded 45 days holiday a year for all workers regardless of length of service. Some workers now receive only one month.

They said government social insurance should be extended to non-Kuwaiti workers and May 1 should be declared a public holiday.

All OPEC nations must sign deal: Kuwait

VIENNA, Nov. 16. (Reuters): Kuwait today stepped up the pressure on Iran and Iraq to bury their differences in OPEC and warned it would block any deal to cut output that was not signed by all 13 OPEC producer nations.

Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa Al Sabah said: "We either have an agreement of all 13 or we don't have an agreement."

The uncompromising warning was issued by the Kuwaiti minister as he arrived for key talks beginning tomorrow aimed at reunifying OPEC and propping up sagging world oil prices.

His stance was echoed by OPEC President Riwanu Lukman as he set off for Vienna from Lagos, saying oil prices could only be stabilised if all OPEC members signed a new output deal.

"This time we want everybody in on an agreement," he said. "All the 13 countries must be involved."

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Benazir and Nusrat Bhutto win: Junejo, Jatoi, Pir Pagara lose

PPP surges to the front in peaceful polls in Pakistan

From Ashraf Shad in Lahore

THE Pakistan People's Party of Benazir Bhutto, surged to the front today in early returns from Pakistan's first openly contested election in 11 years.

The third party-based general election in 41 years of Pakistan's history was peaceful. No serious violence or disruption had been reported and there was no obvious evidence of rigging in the polls.

In the first official results announced on Pakistan television, eight of 207 seats for the National Assembly went to the PPP, two to smaller parties and four to independents.

The main battle was between the PPP and the pro-government Islamic Democratic Alliance (IDA), formed to oppose her.

Upsets

Unofficial returns show PPP is leading in three provinces — Punjab, Sind, and North West Frontier Province (NWFP).

Benazir Bhutto won from two places — her hometown of Larkana in Sind and Lahore. Her mother Nusrat Bhutto won in Chitral.

The biggest upsets of the election were in Sind where many stalwarts lost.

They include former Pakistani Premier Mohammed Khan Junejo, Pir Pagara, head of IDA Mustafa Jatoi, the secretary of IDA professor Ghafoor, federal minister Elahi Baksh Somroo and former federal minister Islamuddin Sheikh.

Unofficial results also showed that the chief of Tehrik-e-Istiqal Party Asghar Khan, lost in Karachi. He is contesting from Abbottabad also. The head of



Benazir



Nawaz Sharif



Junejo



Jatoi

LATE NEWS

At a news conference in Larkana, Benazir said her PPP had won at least 80 of 205 Muslim seats in the National Assembly. She said 13 seats were captured by her main rival, the IDA. There was no independent confirmation of her claim.

won in Lahore and Sialkot. Former Punjab governor Mustafa Khar also won on both the seats he contested from Muzaffar Garh.

In Sind, Mohajir Qaumi Movement was leading in urban areas. In Karachi MQM members were ahead in 12 out of 13 constituencies. PPP is showing strength in rural areas of Sind.

Resign

Reuters adds: The official news agency APP said Religious Affairs Minister Wasi Mazhar Nadvi resigned after being defeated in the southern city of Hyderabad. He was standing as an independent.

Party workers in several areas said the government's insistence that voters show identity cards had cut the turnout.

Acting President Ghulam Ishaq Khan said the elections had been fair. He told Election Commission officials: "If the derailed train of democracy is back on the rails, my objective will be achieved."

Benazir, 35, aiming to become the first woman elected prime

minister of a Muslim nation, voted in Larkana to the cheers of hundreds of supporters.

In Karachi, supporters of the MQM handed out sweets to celebrate victory in advance of the official results.

The movement represents Muslims who migrated from other parts of British India at partition in 1947. Its stronghold is Karachi, which sends 13 deputies to the 237-seat National Assembly.

Watch

Police, backed by troops, kept a close watch on voting in the cities. In riot-prone Karachi the Army brought in tanks and spotter planes.

Activists of the Mohajir immigrant community and rival ethnic groups stoned each other in Karachi's Shah Faisal Colony but were dispersed by troops, police said.

Benazir paid a tribute to her father, executed on disputed murder conspiracy charges in 1979, by sprinkling rose petals on his grave at the family graveyard near Larkana.

Men and women voted separately in 33,000 polling stations across the country. Turnout among women voters was well down in the conservative northwest and west. In Quetta, only 150 out of 700 eligible women had cast their ballots at one station two hours before it closed.

Today's elections were for 215 of the 237 seats in the National Assembly. Of these, 10 are for non-Muslim minorities who vote on a separate list.

Twenty other seats go to women, nominated by the elected deputies. The election was postponed in two constituencies after candidates died.

Most complaints on polling day concerned identification cards. "Many applicants who applied for them didn't get the cards in time," a PPP representative said.

In Lahore, election officials refused to accept photocopies of cards or police reports that they had been stolen. A magistrate in Karachi said some 10 people with fake cards had been turned away.

Big powers cautious

Allies swing behind Palestinian state

NICOSIA, Nov. 16. (Agencies): Most of the Arab world formally recognised the independent state declared by the Palestine National Council, but only a handful of states outside the region extended diplomatic ties today.

The United States and many European countries, while ruling out recognition, said the decision by the Palestinian parliament would be a positive step in trying to settle the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Extend

The Soviet Union also said it would help toward a solution in the Middle East, but held off recognising the state, saying it has not been asked to extend diplomatic ties.

Israel rejected the declaration, saying it was an exercise in "ambiguity and double talk."

A total of 15 countries recognised the independent Palestinian state within 24 hours of its proclamation.

They were: Kuwait, Algeria, Iraq, Malaysia, Tunisia, Saudi Arabia, North and South Yemen, Madagascar, Turkey, Bahrain, Jordan, Bangladesh, Libya and the UAE.

Nine other countries — Qatar, India, Indonesia, Nicaragua, Morocco, Mauritania, Zambia, Yugoslavia and Pakistan — accorded recognition afterwards.

Move

Egypt stopped short of extending diplomatic recognition, but said it fully supported the move. Ghana said it is considering the recognition.

Turkey is the only country that also has relations with Israel and Israeli Foreign Ministry officials called a special meeting with Turkish Charge d'Affaires Ekrem Guvenderan.

Israeli officials told the top-ranking Turkish diplomat today that "we regret the decision by the Turkish government because

it does not serve peace and stability in the region," a ministry spokesman said after the meeting. "It is a disappointing and sorrowful decision."

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said the declaration was an attempt by the PLO to undermine the existence and independence of Israel, and vowed to work toward preventing the establishment of such a Palestinian state.

"We will continue, as long as is necessary, to convince all the nations of the world that conferring recognition abets this creature, meaning assistance in the elimination of the state of Israel," Shamir told Israel Radio.

Attitudes

In Washington, President Reagan said that the declaration by the Palestinians "does represent a change from their previous attitudes," adding that the possibility of negotiating with the PLO was "under consideration."

But the White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said the PLO could not unilaterally

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Hardliners vow to step up struggle

Two shot in Gaza Strip

GAZA CITY, Occupied Gaza Strip, Nov. 16. (Agencies): Israel's Army today clamped curfews and travel bans on nearly 900,000 Palestinians, but Arab youths defied soldiers in scattered violence a day after the Palestinian declaration of independence.

Two teenagers were shot by soldiers in Gaza city, apparently after violating curfew orders that they remain at home, officials at Ahi Rabin hospital said. One was a 14-year-old shot in the right arm and other a 15-year-old wounded in the leg, they said.

A military spokesman said there were incidents of stone-throwing in the city but no injuries. Israel radio said the closure order was issued after soldiers caught two youths and accused them of inciting other youngsters to throw stones.

Soldiers carried out raids to prevent violence from developing in several West Bank areas, the spokesman said. She said arrests were made but would not give the number or any other details.

In the Gaza Strip, a curfew was in effect for a sixth straight day today, the longest the seaside area with 650,000 Arab residents has been shut by authorities since

the 1967 Middle East war. Hundreds of soldiers patrolled the streets in jeeps, troop trucks fitted out with plastic shields to protect against stones, and armoured vehicles equipped with machines to spray gravel at rioters.

Smoke from burning tyres rose above the city. At least five tyres were seen aflame in a two-hour, Army-conducted tour for reporters. Stones were thrown at one journalist's car in a convoy guided by two Army jeeps.

The Palestine National Council, legislative arm of the PLO, proclaimed the Palestinian state at the end of a four-day session in Algiers yesterday.

The announcement sparked spontaneous celebrations in the occupied territories where residents set off fireworks and flew balloons despite widespread curfews and heavy Army patrols.

The reaction was one sign that the vast majority of the 1.5 million Palestinians in the occupied lands welcomed the statehood declaration despite protests from the radicals.

There have already been recurrent conflicts during the past 11 months with Muslim fundamentalists over strategy and tactics in staging anti-Israeli

strikes and protests. "The pro-Syrian groups always present unrealistic demands, but I don't think there will be street fights as a result," said Saman Khouri, a member of the Arab Journalists Association.

In the West Bank city of Bethlehem, fireworks were heard until 3 am (0100 GMT) as youths celebrated the declaration of Palestinian independence. Dozens of illegal Palestinian flags were hung over walls, and one slogan scrawled on a wall said: "Congratulations to our people — the state is born."

The Army said curfews requiring people to stay in their homes also were in effect in the West Bank towns of Tulikarem, Qalqilya, Nura Shams and Shuweika, where about 85,000 Arabs live. A reporter in Nabulus said soldiers also issued orders of curfew in the city of 120,000.

The Army declared Ramallah a closed military area, preventing people from entering or leaving the West Bank city of 40,000.

In Algiers, Secretary-General of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, Nayef Hawatmeh said today that the provisional Palestinian government will be formed soon.

No salary ceiling

Visit visas easy to obtain now

By Lima Al Khalafawi

KUWAIT is now issuing visit visas, valid for one month, to any expatriate wishing to sponsor individuals irrespective of the expatriate's monthly salary according to Col. Mohamed Ibrahim Al Moajil, director-general of Hawali Governorate Immigration Department.

Clarifying, he said that a visit visa is distinct from a dependent visa (wife and children). A dependent visa is governed by the monthly salary of the expatriate residing in Kuwait. The salary ceiling, KD450 for the public sector and KD600 for the private sector of expatriates will not be lowered for these types of visas, the official added.

Illegal

He also said expatriates who possessed a working visa, but changed it to a domestic visa will not be permitted to alter the visa status again. However, those expatriates who entered Kuwait on or prior to Sept 6, 1982 on a domestic visa can apply to change it into a working visa, Al Moajil said.

No further amnesty will be

announced for illegal residents. Illegal residents can apply to have their residence legalised after paying the fine of KD10 per day for visit visa and KD2 per day for residence visas. Those who cannot legalise their stay will have to pay the accumulated fine and obtain an appropriate stamp permitting them to leave the country, the official explained.

Validity

Al Moajil said that three-month temporary residence visas are given to those who are highly skilled and needed by the state. Sick persons having a certificate from the Ministry of Public Health and those attending periodic conferences or courses conducted by the government of Kuwait.

He stressed that there is no ban on any nationality seeking to enter Kuwait.

The official pointed out that the validity of the residence permit is linked to the validity of the passport. He stressed that passports should be renewed at least one month prior to expiry to ensure the validity of the residence.

Don't obstruct ships, Iraq warns Iran

BAGHDAD, Nov. 16. (Reuters): Iraq warned Iran today against obstructing its ships in the Gulf and Strait of Hormuz though it remained committed to a lasting peace.

In a statement quoted by the official Iraqi News Agency (INA), Iraq's leaders said any violation of the Iraqi right of free navigation would violate an Aug. 20 ceasefire with Iran.

INA said President Saddam Hussein had chaired a meeting of the Revolutionary Command Council and ruling Baath Party regional leadership to review peace talks under UN auspices.

Talks

They stressed Iraq's "right of free navigation of its commercial and war vessels" in international waters of the Gulf and Strait of Hormuz as part of the ceasefire, INA reported.

Iran and Iraq have held three rounds of peace talks but have made no major progress. The last ended in Geneva on

Friday with both sides agreeing to exchange sick prisoners-of-war on Nov. 20.

The Iraqi leaders emphasised Baghdad's desire for a comprehensive and permanent peace in the Gulf and rejected any attempt to turn the ceasefire into a temporary truce, INA said.

They also approved the gradual discharge of reserve officers from Army beginning on Dec. 1.

Prepared

Iran's military supreme Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani said today that the war with Iraq was not likely to restart.

"We think the probability of the war restarting is low but we must always be prepared," Tehran Radio quoted Rafsanjani as saying in Ahvaz near the southern war zone.

A remark by Rafsanjani on Saturday that the "no-war, no-peace" situation could not last long and war might resume drew accusations of warmongering from Iraq.

A pear is better than a barrel

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16. (AP): A big belly may be a sign that one is living a luxurious life — and it also is a warning sign of increased risk of having a heart attack, a stroke or diabetes.

Scientists at the American Heart Association meeting said yesterday that a series of studies in the United States, Europe and Canada have now confirmed that a pooling of fat about the middle is a clear signal of heart attack risk.

It can be as dangerous to the heart as cigarette smoking, high blood pressure or excess cholesterol in the blood stream, said Per Bjorntorp of the University of Goteborg in Sweden.

"If a person has normal weight, but the fat is distributed wrong, it could be a risk," said Bjorntorp.

He said he studied a group of 900 men and 1,400 women and found that those who had more fat on the waist than on the buttocks tended to have a greater number of heart attacks.

Bjorntorp said the study showed that men whose waists measured the same or more than their hips were more apt to have a heart attack than those who carried their weight elsewhere. For women, he said, the risk increase when the waist size was 80 per cent of the hip size.

In effect, if you're shaped like a pear, you've got a greater chance of having a heart attack than if you're shaped like a pear.

Bush nominates Brady as Treasury Secretary

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16. (AP): President-elect George Bush says he asked Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady to remain in the post when Bush assumes office because Brady knows the importance of reducing the country's deficit.

Bush made the announcement to keep Brady after meeting with West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl yesterday, the first of a string of sessions the president-elect has scheduled with foreign leaders. Bush today also met with

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DAY BY DAY

ONCE again, local newsmen suffer from ill treatment by securitymen.

Journalists face several problems in their tough profession and harassment at the hands of some securitymen should not be added to them.

Some security personnel believe themselves to be the real authorities who can issue orders and stop the local press.

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Reagan and Kohl bid farewell

WASHINGTON, Nov 16, (AP): US President Reagan and West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl bade their farewells on the sunlit South Lawn of the White House after six years of alliance on the world stage.

Then Kohl drove across Washington for the first meeting that President-elect George Bush has had with a foreign leader since winning the election last week. Bush is to succeed Reagan on Jan 20.

Reagan yesterday reaffirmed "the strong American commitment to Berlin" and said, "that divided city... remains a powerful symbol of a divided Europe and a litmus test of East-West relations."

Resolute

Kohl thanked the US President for his "bold and resolute commitment to improving East-West relations" and said, "any kind of worsening of the situation between East and West will be felt like an earthquake in our country... and, of course, first of all in Berlin."

Kohl, who said both Bush and Reagan were keenly interested in his report on his recent Moscow visit, told a news conference that he was especially pleased to learn that Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev would meet with the US leaders in December.

"That provides the opportunity for (arms-control) negotiations to go farther, without being interrupted by the introductions of the new administration," Kohl said.

Shooting spree

JOHANNESBURG, Nov 16, (Reuters): The ex-police officer who went on an anti-black shooting spree in Pretoria belonged to an ultra-right wing group seeking a whites-only state in South Africa which would strictly exclude blacks.

The man, a self-confessed neo-fascist, was suspended from the police force for two months last year after he was photographed with the head of a decapitated black man.

These and other details emerged today of the strange lifestyle and background of 23-year-old Barend Strydom who was arrested at the end of his rampage through the streets of the South African capital yesterday afternoon.

Cuba, Angola and South Africa hammer out schedule for Cuban troops pullout

Geneva accord could set Namibia on road to independence

GENEVA, Nov 16, (Reuters): Namibia could next year become the last African colony to gain independence following a Geneva agreement on a timetable for Cuba to withdraw troops from neighbouring Angola.

Delegations from Cuba, Angola and South Africa hammered out a schedule in five days of US-mediated talks for the withdrawal of an estimated 32,000 Cuban troops from Angola.

The undisclosed timetable will, if it is approved by the governments in Havana, Luanda and Pretoria, clear the way for

implementation of a 1978 United Nations blueprint for Namibia's transition to independence from Pretoria.

Officials said yesterday interlocking treaties on a staged and total Cuban withdrawal and Namibian independence could be signed soon in the Congolese capital, Brazzaville.

Authorised

They said no date had been set for the signing, but Angolan chief negotiator General Antonio Dos Santos Franca, known as "Ndalu", said: "it will have to be soon."

Delegates said they were not

authorised to make the final decision in Geneva, but their governments had been kept informed throughout the talks and knew what was coming.

"I am sure this will be dealt with expeditiously," said South African chief negotiator Neil Van Heerden.

Cuban chief negotiator Carlos Aldana said Havana was ready to repatriate its troops. "It is time," he said.

Negotiators celebrated the adoption of their draft and the end of seven months of talks on three continents with champagne in a chandelied con-

ference room at their hotel.

Martti Ahtisaari, the UN special representative for Namibia, said implementation of the independence plan known as Resolution 435 could begin within six to eight weeks of the Brazzaville meeting.

"Resolution 435 provides seven months to prepare for the election of an assembly to draw up an independence constitution and assumption has always been that independence would follow within five months at the most," he said.

If approval from all the governments followed soon,

Namibia could become independent next year, he said.

"It is sad that it has taken so long, but I am delighted that it seems to be happening now," said Ahtisaari, who was nominated 10 years ago to supervise the transition from the Namibian capital, Windhoek.

A senior US official said the agreement reached in Geneva was a synthesis of about 50 withdrawal timetables proposed in nine rounds of talks since May.

Phase

"We have reached the end of a phase in this long, drawn out effort," he said. "We now have a

single timetable accepted as the basis for consulting the top leadership of the countries concerned."

All parties declined to give details of the programme, which is believed to involve withdrawal of the last Cuban forces from Angola about a year after a Namibian flag is raised in Windhoek.

Namibia, also known as South West Africa, is a mineral-rich desert territory with a largely black population of about 1.2 million people, 70 per cent of whom live near the Cunene river border with Angola to the north.

Zairean women ordered out of mini-skirts

KINSHASA, Nov 16, (Reuters): Women in eastern Zaire have until Saturday to get out of Western mini-skirts and into traditional African dresses or face prosecution.

Trousers, culottes, wigs, lipstick and other forms of Western decadence are also out, the official Azap news agency reported today.

Leaders of the ruling Zaire state party told women in the south-Kivu region of eastern Zaire to switch from increasingly popular Western fashions to the brightly coloured African wrap-around dresses and tops. They told bar owners not to admit women in Western clothes.

President Mobutu Sese Seko banned Western dress and Christian names in 1970 as part of his "revolutionary" campaign to reduce Western influence in this former Belgian colony. But the authorities in the capital Kinshasa have turned a blind eye to young men in sharp French suits and women in mini-skirts in recent years.

Power failure

MONTREAL, Nov 16, (AP): A massive power failure whose cause could not be immediately determined deprived about one million Montreal area residents of electricity for about 30 minutes last night.

Norway investigates sales of heavy water

OSLO, Nov 16, (Reuters): Norway said yesterday it was investigating reports that consignments of heavy water, which can be used to make atom bombs, may have been resold illegally by neighbouring Sweden to third countries.

Foreign Minister Thorvald Stoltenberg said last week he wanted to ban all future exports of heavy water after a series of embarrassing allegations about the use of which it has been put abroad.

"We are checking allegations made on Norwegian Radio today," Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Sigrid Romundseth said. "We are in contact with the Swedish authorities and are checking the contracts we had with them."

Research

Norwegian state radio said yesterday that after scrapping a military ruler research programme in the late 1960s, Sweden had resold consignments of heavy water without seeking Norway's approval.

Swedish Radio carried similar reports about sales of Norwegian heavy water, but neither station gave sources for its information. A spokesman for Sweden's nuclear inspection board declined to comment.

Earlier this month Norway said it had asked India for help in tracing 15 tonnes of heavy water sold to a West German firm in 1983. Oslo says the shipment tur-

ned up in Bombay, but that this may have been only a transit point.

Norway also wants fresh talks with Israel over 20 tonnes of heavy water it sold in a secret 1959 deal. Norway demanded to inspect the water after media reports in 1986 that Israel had used to make atomic bombs.

Israel refuses to confirm or deny that it has such weapons.

Neutral Sweden imported a total of 82 tons of heavy water from Norway in the 1950s and 1960s, when it had the military nuclear research programme.

The purchase agreements contained a clause stipulating that Sweden had to inform Norway of any intended resale. In 1974, Norway gave permission for Sweden to resell 52 tonnes to Canada.

"We are not clear as to what happened to the rest," Romundseth said.

Norway insists that its heavy water, also known as deuterium oxide, be used only for peaceful purposes. It was the world's leading producer in the 1950s.

Hanoi proposes

BANGKOK, Nov 16, (AP): Hanoi has proposed the United States open American-staffed offices throughout Vietnam to resolve the divisive issue of those missing in action in the Indo-China war, a senior Vietnamese official said today.

Allies swing behind ...

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declare an independent Palestinian state, but it hailed the Palestinians' implicit recognition of Israel's right to exist.

"The United States' position on the independent Palestinian state is that the United States would not support any unilateral action that purports to change the status of the (Israeli-) occupied territories. This issue should be resolved by direct negotiations by the parties concerned," Fitzwater told reporters.

While the United States has not yet studied in detail the actions taken by the Palestine National Council (PNC) at its Algiers meeting, "we believe there have been positive elements to this meeting, most noticeably their vote on (UN Resolutions) 242 and 338," Fitzwater added.

State Department spokesman Charles Redman told reporters that while US officials had not studied the text, "acceptance of those two resolutions explicitly would be a positive step... when we receive the final texts, we will give them serious study."

Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov welcomed the PNC move. But in a brief statement, he indicated the Kremlin was not yet prepared to give its full backing to the Palestinian move.

"We hail the decision of the Palestine National Council," he said, referring to the positions adopted by the PNC as "realistic."

But "as far as the establishment of a Palestine state and its recognition by the Soviet Union," the spokesman said,

"the Palestinian side has not requested us to do so."

Syria, without announcing diplomatic recognition, issued an official statement saying it "supports the establishment of an independent Palestinian state because this meets with Syria's declared policies, and with the resolutions of the Arab summit conferences and with international legitimacy."

In Dhaka, a Bangladesh Foreign Office statement issued late last night said: "The government and the people of Bangladesh wholeheartedly welcomed the declaration of an independent Palestinian state and recognised the new state."

"Bangladesh has always extended its absolute and unflinching support to the Palestinian brethren in their just struggle to achieve their legitimate right to self-determination under the leadership of PLO."

India

In India, External Affairs Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao told Parliament in a statement that India would establish full diplomatic relations with Palestine.

"The establishment of an independent Palestinian state has been our cherished and single-minded objective all these years. We share the happiness of the Palestinian people on this auspicious day," Rao said.

Yugoslavia also recognised the Palestinian state.

"Yugoslavia is joining the countries which recognise the just proclaimed Palestinian state," Tanjug news agency said, quoting from an official

statement.

Pakistan recognised the Palestinian state today.

Acting President Ghulam Ishaq Khan has sent a message of congratulations to Arafat.

Sri Lankan President Junius Jayewardene today sent a message of congratulations to PLO chairman Yasser Arafat on the proclamation of a Palestinian state.

A Foreign Ministry official said Jayewardene's message amounted to a tacit recognition of the new state.

Jayewardene told Arafat "this decision (proclamation) brings us within close reach of a just and fair solution to the problem of the Middle East."

The Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) urged all countries to recognise the newly-proclaimed Palestinian state.

United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said the PNC's recognition of the state of Israel will provide "fresh opportunities" for peace negotiations in the Middle East.

Proposed talks

WARSAW, Nov 16, (AP): The Roman Catholic church says government decisions ignoring workers' rights have blocked the start of proposed talks between the authorities and social groups, including the banned Solidarity trade union.

The episcopate secretariat, representing Roman Catholic bishops nationwide, said Poland's deteriorating economic situation made talks necessary and urged the authorities to avoid acts that hinder dialogue.

Reagan and Thatcher praise each other

WASHINGTON, Nov 16, (UPI): British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher praised President Reagan today for leadership that "has enabled us to begin the world over again" and said election of George Bush projects "enormous stability and confidence" to the world.

"Thanks to your courage and leadership, the fire of individual freedom burns more brightly, not just in America, not just in the West, but right across the world," she told Reagan at the formal start of a sentimental farewell visit.

"We in Britain, Mr President, have been proud to be your partners in that great adventure," she added.

In an emotional parting of staunch like-minded allies, Thatcher and Reagan celebrated the achievements of their partnership after almost eight years of shared commitment to a strong defence and free-market economic principles.

Stressing steadfast solidarity, they hailed what Reagan described as the "extraordinary change" that has occurred since their first meeting in 1981, when the West faced economic crisis, political self-doubt and an increasing Soviet military threat.

Thatcher was accorded a 19-gun salute on the south lawn before being escorted indoors for a one-on-one with Reagan and a plenary meeting with President-elect George Bush, Secretary of State George Shultz and other top officials.

Bush nominates Brady as ...

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British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, and is to confer with Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev next month.

Bush said Kohl was pleased with Brady's selection. The US dollar has fallen sharply in relation to foreign currencies, including the West German mark.

"I'll do my best to help the president-elect, serve the people and to build on this, the longest recovery in the history of the country," said Brady, who became Treasury Secretary in August when James Baker resigned. Bush's choice for Secretary of State joined Bush's campaign staff.



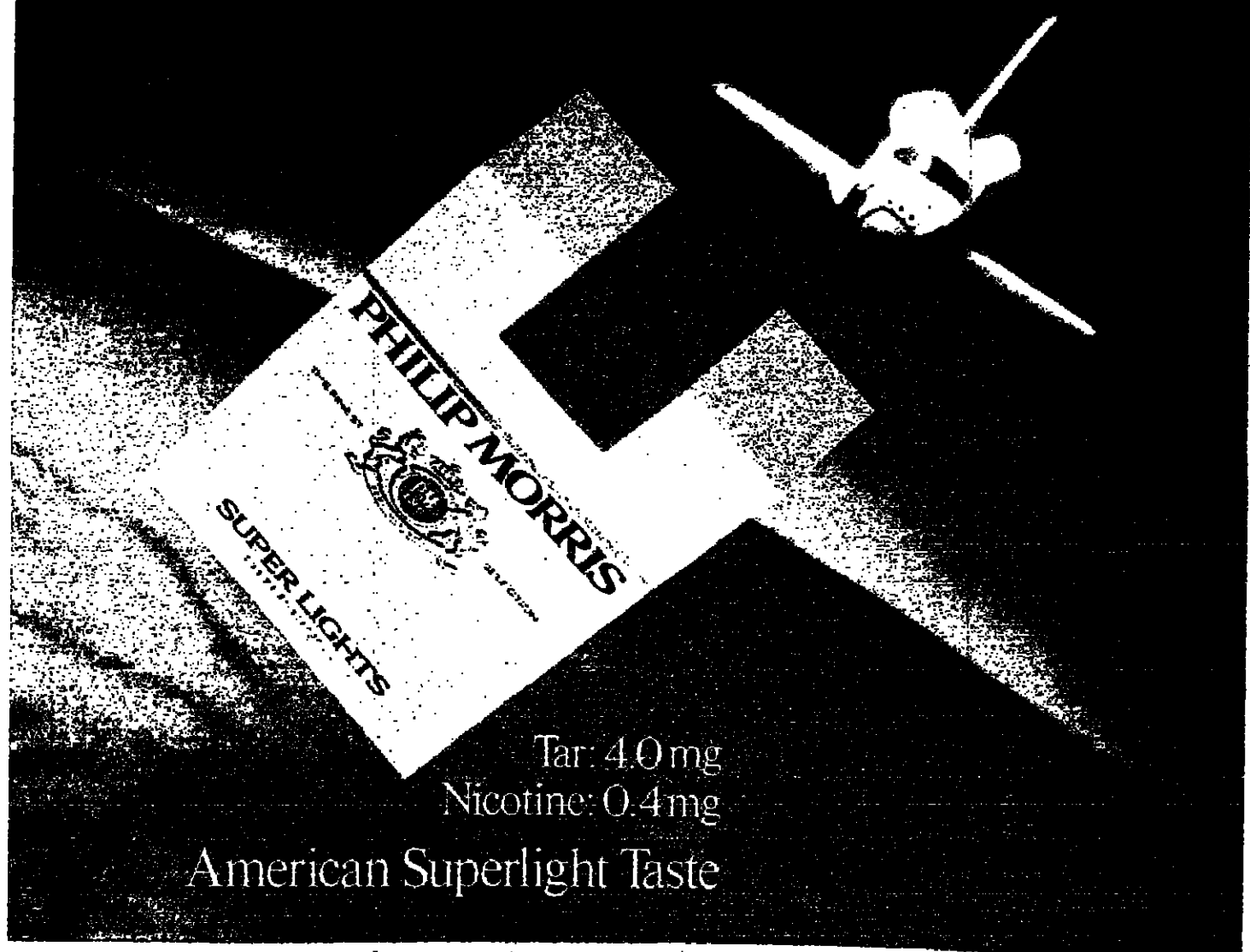
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Kabul seeks UN help 'against Pakistan'

UNITED NATIONS, Nov 16, (AP): Afghanistan urgently requested the Security Council to stop Pakistan's arming of Afghan rebels and warned it may be forced to use military force in self-defence.

Afghan Foreign Minister Abdul Wakil urged the council to review the situation in the region and take action to stop alleged Pakistani interference in Afghanistan's internal affairs, in violation of a UN mediated agreement.

The letter, circulated on Tuesday, did not specifically request a formal meeting of the 15-member council, in which the United States, which arms the rebels, could exercise its veto power.

Attack

The council can meet privately as a whole, the council president can issue a statement or the five permanent members can meet. Those five are the United States, the Soviet Union, Britain, China and France.

UN spokesman Francois Gualini told reporters that there was no request yet for a formal meeting.

Meanwhile, ten Soviet soldiers were killed and 11 others wounded during a rebel rocket attack aimed at a civilian airliner at Kabul airport on Sunday, Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennadiy Gerasimov told a news briefing.

The airliner was not hit, he said. "A retaliatory blow was struck against the attackers."

Gerasimov said the Soviet Union could not remain passive in the face of attacks of this type. "Furthermore, we cannot tolerate Soviet people being killed as a result of these actions. The rebuff will be the most decisive."

Gerasimov did not specify what retaliation was being planned. Last month, Moscow supplied the Afghan Army with a number of SS-1 'Scud' ground-to-ground missiles for use against Afghan rebel bases.

Scores of activists missing in Philippines

Aquino defends human rights

MANILA, Nov 16, (AP): President Corason Aquino has defended her human rights record and ordered police to search for scores of human rights activists who have disappeared this year.

"I reiterate my commitment to protect human rights and its peaceful advocacy," Mrs Aquino said in a statement. "I have personally directed the search for them (missing activists)."

The task force detainees of the Philippines, a church-affiliated organisation, says 82 social activists, leftists and trade union organisers disappeared nationwide during the first six months of this year. The left-wing New Patriotic Alliance, or Bayan, said 15 of its members had disappeared in the Manila area so far this year.

Leftists believe the military

has been responsible for the disappearances as part of a systematic campaign to stifle left-wing political movements.

Blame

On Monday, a group of human rights and leftist groups denounced the disappearances and blamed Mrs Aquino for failing to curb abuses.

"The same phenomena that had been going on during the (deposed President Ferdinand) Marcos era is being repeated this time," said Sister Mariani Dimaranan, head of the task force.

Mrs Aquino succeeded Marcos in a February 1986 popular uprising and pledged to end the human rights abuses which were rampant during her predecessor's 20-year administration.

The alliance said the most recent victims of apparent abductions were the group's

spokeswoman Lilian Mercado and Sonny Oliveros, the organisation's campaign co-ordinator in the central Philippines.

"Our suspicion is that the armed forces of the Philippines, which we blame for all the crimes which continue to victimise us, is presently implementing a new tactic," the alliance said in a statement.

New tactic

The alliance said the new tactic apparently calls for targeting lesser known figures in leftist and human rights organisations to avoid adverse publicity which would accompany the killing or abduction of nationally prominent leftists.

Public outrage followed the 1986 murder of leftist labour leader Rolando Olalia and the 1987 slaying of alliance chairman Lean Alejandro. Both killings remain unsolved.

Amnesty International reported this year that more than 100 leftist and social activists were slain in the Philippines in 1987, apparently by military and paramilitary groups battling the communist insurgency.

Scores of police and soldiers have been slain in the Manila area since 1987 by communist urban guerrilla squads.

Meanwhile, Vice-President Salvador Laurel today, urged President Aquino to investigate the escape of Romulo Kintanar, the chief of the communist New People's Army (NPA), from maximum security prison.

Laurel said in a radio talk show there was a possibility that the escape was part of a "well-planned and well-executed" conspiracy by rebel sympathisers within the military.

Kintanar, 38, and his wife, Gloria Jopson, escaped after



Aquino: record

eight months detention on Saturday when they were allowed to leave their cell and attend the birthday party of their former warden inside the suburban Camp Crame national police headquarters.

Laurel expressed scepticism on the military's explanation that lax security was the reason for the escape of Kintanar, commander of the 25,000-strong NPA, the armed wing of the outlawed Communist Party of the Philippines.

Writ against burial of Zia in a mosque dismissed

ISLAMABAD, Nov 16, (KUNA): A division bench of the Lahore High Court has dismissed a writ petition challenging the burial of late President Zia-ul-Haq at the King Faisal Mosque premises in Islamabad.

In its verdict given yesterday the Rawalpindi based bench also rejected the plea of Syed Imran Ali that Zia's grave should be exhumed officially and the casket containing Zia's body transferred to an ordinary graveyard.

Imran Ali said in his application that Zia's coffin did not contain a whole body, which was burnt and dismembered beyond recognition in a plane crash near Bahawalpur on Aug 17.

He also said that the casket contained some burnt pieces of the wreckage of the plane, a fact hidden from the people of Pakistan by the government.

His second plea was that it is unfair for the government to bury any person in the Faisal Mosque compound.

The high court bench in its judgement said the petitioner had based his petition on suspicions and gave no documentary proof in support.

Woman runs naked

TOKYO, Nov 16, (UPI): A 31-year-old unemployed Japanese woman took off her clothes and ran naked through the crowded streets in front of Crown Prince Akihito's palace in central Tokyo today, police said.

Police stopped the woman, whose identity was withheld, and covered her with a blanket after she came within 300 yards of the south gate of the Togu Palace before noon today.

"I want to get rid of my sense of shame in the centre of Tokyo because I'm sick of the world," the woman was quoted as saying.

Heroin smuggler

TOKYO, Nov 16, (AP): The Tokyo district court today convicted a Pakistani national of trying to smuggle 2 kilograms (4.4 pounds) of heroin into Japan and sentenced him to seven years in prison, a court official said.

The official said Mohammad Tariq Khan also was fined 600,000 yen (\$4,800).

N. Korea calls for talks to end tension

SEOUL, Nov 16, (AP): North Korea called today for urgent political and military talks with rival South Korea on removing US troops and reducing their armed forces to ease tension on the divided peninsula.

A letter from Lee Gun Mo, North Korea's Prime Minister, was delivered at the Panmunjom border truce site calling for high-level political and military talks in mid-December. It said the talks should be held with "urgency" and could clear the way for a North-South summit.

The letter was delivered to South Korea's Prime Minister, Lee Hyun-Jae, on the eve of Thursday's scheduled resumption of talks between North and South parliamentary delegations on improving relations.

US troops

The South Korean Unification Ministry, which oversees the South's policy on reuniting the two Koreas, said the proposal offered nothing new and centred on North Korean attempts to remove American troops from the South.

The North Korean statement made no direct reference to US forces, but said it was seeking dialogue on its Nov 7 communique proposing talks with the United States and South Korea on ending military confrontation.

The Nov 7 communique said "the root cause of war on the Korean peninsula" was the presence of 42,000 US troops in the South. It called for phased withdrawal of American soldiers and the reduction of both sides' armed forces to no more than 100,000 troops on each side by 1992.

North Korea did not call for US participation in the proposed December meeting.

Today's letter said the two Koreas should use improving world relations to better their own ties and move toward peaceful reunification of the peninsula. It said easing military tension was the first step to improving relations.

"Unless we do this there cannot be substantial progress in seeking peace and peaceful reunification," the letter said.

More troops sent to south Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, Nov 16, (AP): The government today dispatched more troops to the south to try to halt a wave of strikes, demonstrations and violence instigated by Sinhalese militants, officials said.

Nine people were injured today when a bomb was hurled at a bus in Ja-Ela, just north of Colombo, military officials said.

A day earlier, Sinhalese extremists killed at least seven people in Colombo suburbs and the south, said the military officials.

Four of the victims were shot to death in Elipitiya, about 80 kilometres south of Colombo, the military officials said. The others were drivers of state-operated public buses attacked near Colombo, they added.

Soldiers were dispatched to Southern province in the Sinhalese heartland after the region's top official, Chief Minister M.S. Amarasinghe, appealed for help.

Anti-government strikes called by the People's Liberation Front, a Sinhalese radical group, has brought normal activity to a virtual standstill in Southern province. State-run buses have not operated and schools, shops and offices have been closed for two weeks.

Amarasinghe said the Army troops would try to provide security and force people to return to work.

The Front has called strikes throughout most of Sri Lanka in an attempt to force President Junius Jayewardene to dissolve parliament and resign.

It accuses Jayewardene, himself a Sinhalese, of selling out the interests of the island nation's majority ethnic group in his attempts to pacify a separatist rebellion by minority Tamils.

The Front's wrath was aroused by the July 29, 1987, peace accord designed to end the Tamil rebellion by offering limited Tamil autonomy if the guerrillas surrendered their arms. The Tamils rejected the accord and are now fighting Indian peacekeeping troops dispatched to disarm them.

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Sheikh Salem meets Austrian vice-chancellor

VIENNA, Nov 16. (KUNA): Kuwait's Interior Minister Sheikh Salem yesterday met with Austrian Vice-Chancellor and Foreign Minister Alois Mock.

An official spokesman for the Kuwaiti delegation said that the two officials discussed bilateral relations and the resolutions by the Palestine National Council (PNC), most important of which was the proclamation of an independent Palestinian state.

Impact

Mock reiterated his country's support of the recent Palestinian decisions, saying that a Foreign Ministry committee of experts in international law will

study the text of the Palestinian document to explore its international impact on Austria.

He assured Sheikh Salem that Austria was one of the first countries to support the Palestinian right to self-determination and that right covers establishment of Palestinian state.

Conflict

The two ministers also agreed on the need to realise a comprehensive settlement to the Iraq-Iran conflict.

Mock also briefed Sheikh Salem on his talks with Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati here last Saturday.

The spokesman said Sheikh Salem welcomed Austria's

balanced policy in the Arabian Gulf area together with its contacts with the two belligerents to help realise peace in the region.

The spokesman said the two sides had stressed that the recent visit by Austrian President Kurt Waldheim to Kuwait strengthened relations between the two countries.

Positive

He said the Austrian foreign minister described the current visit of Sheikh Salem as the first positive results of the high-level dialogue between Kuwait and Austria.

Sheikh Salem and the accompanying delegation arrived here Monday.



An exhibition of contemporary figurative art by the Indian artists, Amrut Patel (centre), was opened by the Indian Ambassador N.N. Jha (right) at the Boushahri gallery yesterday.

Gulf ministers will discuss health issues

MINISTERS of health of the Arab Gulf states will discuss health topics at their 26th meeting to be held from Dec 27 to 29 in Kuwait, according to Seyassah.

The anti-malaria project sponsored by Kuwait, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Qatar, Bahrain and the UAE will be discussed.

Equipment

Other topics include the mother and child health care project, anti-smoking campaigns and the unified purchase of medical supplies and equipment.

Authority updating policies

ADMINISTRATIVE policies are currently being updated at the Port Public Authority, according to Issa Al Mazidi, the minister of state for service affairs.

The new arrangements are intended to meet the anticipated surge in commercial activities following the end of the Gulf war, the official said.

He added that the new arrangements include the simplification of formalities, upgrading performance levels and expediting paperwork for customs purposes.

Officials set medicine prices

THE acting undersecretary at Kuwait's Ministry of Public Health, Ibrahim Al Mudhaf was quoted as saying that price unification of medicines is complete and the decision will be signed by Dr Abdul Razzak Yousef Al Abdul Razzak, the Minister of Public Health.

Speaking to a local daily, Al Mudhaf said the new prices are based on original invoice value plus 35 per cent to the importer and another 35 per cent to the pharmacy.

Pharmacists will be given a grace period of six months as of the date of the decision to adjust to the new prices, he added.

The new prices take into account the interests of importers, distributors and consumers. The prices were fixed in light of current market prices and prices prevailing in other GCC countries.

The prices were decided on after consultations with representative of the Medicines Importers Union and covered all kinds of medicines available in the local market which amounted to about 2,800 registered brands.

Growth rates

drop, says survey

A SURVEY by the Central Statistics Office at the Ministry of Planning indicated a drop in population and employee growth rates during 1980 to 1985.

The drop in employees at work sites was greater than the drop in population. The city governorate has 40.4 per cent of the work sites in Kuwait compared to 37.8 in Hawalli, 13.7 in Ahmadi and 8.1 in Jahra, the study revealed.

It added that about 55.6 per cent of establishments are involved in the retail trade including restaurants and hotels. The social welfare field, personal concerns and conversion industries comprise 15.8 per cent of the businesses. The balance is spread among other industries, the study showed.

About 98.4 per cent of existing concerns in Kuwait are in the private sector, the study added.

The meeting was attended by the ministers of state for cabinet affairs, planning, finance, public works, electricity and water, communications, social affairs and labour, state for municipal affairs and housing as well as specialists from other ministries.

Palestinian uprising discussed in seminar

A POLITICAL seminar was organised by the Kuwaiti Graduates Society in light of the recent elections in Israel.

Speaking at the seminar entitled "The Reality and Future of the Palestinian National Uprising," Dr Ali Attayah, the well-known Palestinian researcher, and Abdulaziz Al Sayed, a Palestinian political writer, said the Palestinian uprising is every Palestinian's dream.

The nation was looking forward to this uprising for the past 40 years, Dr Attayah said.

Rejection

The Palestinian people were disappointed with the outcome of the Israeli elections this year since the Likud Bloc had repeatedly announced its rejection to right of self-determination by Palestinians.

He added that Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir had several times announced his opposition to an international peace conference on the Middle East conflict.

Al Sayed said there is no dif-

ference between the Zionist's political segments as the leaders of the Likud Bloc and the Israeli Labour Party's leaders were working in full harmony. Israeli democracy is similar to that of South Africa, he said.

Spills

The acceptance of United Nations Resolutions 242 and 338 will create new splits in the Palestinian arena, he said.

Meanwhile, Dr Attayah called on the Palestinian officials to give up negotiations with the Zionist enemy.

Support should be given only to the national uprising in the occupied territories, Al Sayed said. He called on all organisations and institutions to support the uprising.

New phone lines to be installed

KUWAIT will install about 460,000 new telephone lines next year, according to a local daily.

With the new lines, total capacity is expected to reach 626,600 telephone lines at the end of the present Five Year Plan (1989/1990).

The total capacity of exchange lines amounts to 548,000. The new exchanges in Farwaniya, Rigga and Jahra areas add 40,000 lines to the ministry's exchange capacity, the daily added.

Master plan discussed

THE Higher Committee of the Master Plan of Kuwait held its third meeting this year under the chairmanship of the Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad.

Bader Al Bahar, secretary-general of the committee, said the committee reviewed plans for a new city, to be called Sibbiya which may be built north of Kuwait. The committee is in favour of the project, he said.

Approved

The committee also reviewed a report of the municipality on the second and third developments of Kuwait's master plan and approved the report's recommendations.

The new master plan of Kuwait International Airport was also approved and referred to the Council of Ministers by the committee.

Embassy closed

THE Embassy of India in Kuwait will be closed on Thursday, 17th November, 1988 on the occasion of the commencement of Nehru Centenary Year.

BAHRAIN DIGEST

Students honoured

AN awards ceremony was held on Wednesday to honour winners of the 5th annual environment essay and painting competition organised jointly by United Schools International and United Nations Environment Programme's Regional Office for West Asia (UNEP ROWA) in Bahrain of the UNEP ROWA office.

This year's competition attracted the largest number of entries ever — 1,219 paintings and 287 essays were submitted. Twenty-eight paintings and 18 essays were selected to receive prizes.

Forty-six students from both private and government schools from different Gulf states were selected as winners in the competition. Out of this number 26 are Gulf nationals and 21 are expatriate students. The largest number of winners came from Dubai (14), followed by Kuwait (13), Bahrain (11), Qatar (four), Jeddah, Saudi Arabia (three) and one from Syria. There were nine winners in the English essay category and the same number in the Arabic essay category of the environmental competitions. Twenty-eight students won environmental painting competition prizes.

Salih Osman, regional director of UNEP ROWA praised the involvement of the young generation in the environmental issues of the region.

"It is a pleasure to see that young people are showing concern about the value of the world we live in. After all, we all belong to one earth. Children all over the world have shown great responsibility towards protecting the environment."

Osman also thanked Bahrain's Education Ministry for highlighting environmental issues among students.

Chinese exhibition

AN exhibition of the People's Republic of China opened on Wednesday at Andalus Gardens.

Attending the opening of the exhibition, which will last until Nov 25, were Habib Qasim, Minister of Commerce and Agriculture of Bahrain and Shi Dayow, vice-president of the Chinese Commerce Committee and Chamber of Commerce.

The exhibition features household goods, toys, bicycles and office and sports equipment.

Polio outbreak: Oman on alert

MUSCAT, Nov 16. (AP): An outbreak of polio in young children living in villages west of Muscat has put Oman on a nation-wide health alert, doctors said today.

The infected villages are centred around the western towns of Rostaq and Jalan on the Batinah coast, according to a Health Service warning issued to medical workers across the country.

Acute

The latest Health Service count showed that out of one group of 26 new polio cases identified, 24 were acute.

The number is rising, with more than 80 cases reported and under investigation, health workers said.

Once rife in Oman before preventive campaigns took

effect, polio — short for poliomyelitis — is an infectious viral inflammation of nerve cells in the grey matter of the spinal cord which can result in temporary or permanent paralysis.

The exact cause of the outbreak is not known, according to a health official, who cannot be named under Health Service rules. One speculated that the vaccines may have been losing their potency as they are moved to distant areas in excessive heat.

Three hundred thousand extra vaccines are being airlifted in over the next few days, said Dr Jacob Matthal, the Muscat representative for the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund.

"Around 85 per cent of infants under one have been vaccinated against polio," Dr Matthal said.

"The concern is concentrated

in these specific areas of the outbreak because it is such a mystery," said a Muscat doctor in a private practice who asked not to be named. "But any parent of a child under five who has not had a polio vaccination or booster in the last three to six months should take the child to their nearest clinic for an extra dose...It doesn't do any harm to be on the safe side."

Medical sources said this afternoon that a nation-wide vaccination campaign of all children under the age of six will start Thursday. A further 700,000 polio vaccines have been imported.

Meanwhile, according to another health worker, the current outbreak could have been transmitted by contaminated water in an ancient water supply system.

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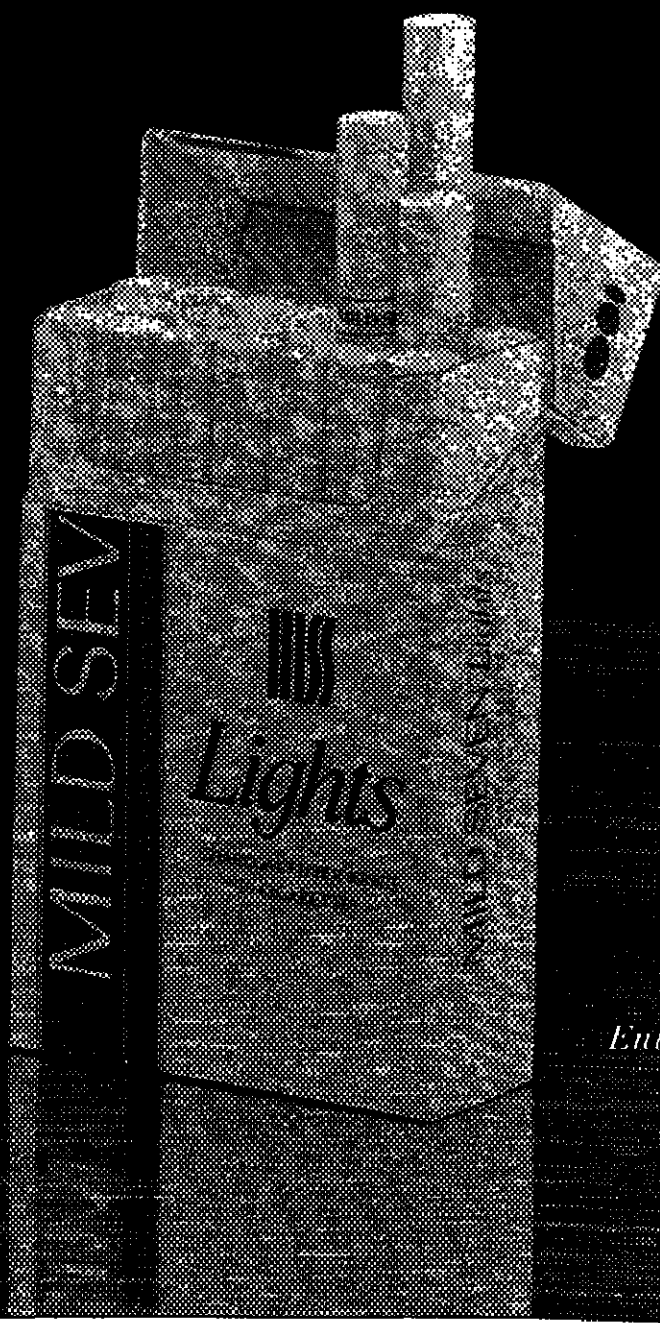


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Special to the Arab Times

Off-screen gimmicks to relieve on-screen staleness

MUHURAT ceremonies have become stereotyped; cocktail and dinner parties are becoming a mere routine. So film people have been thinking of unusual ways to make a sensation and be in the news. If they cannot make off-beat films, they can at least hold functions that are different.

A new idea was tried in launching the shooting of another new Amitabh film called Khuda Gawah. This is being produced by Manoj Desai who looks after four theatres in Bombay Maratha Mandir Gaiety, and who also runs the Amitabh Bachchan Fan Club, supposed to have 5,000 members paying one rupee each.

The club was started when Shahenshah was facing agitations and now, to return the good-turn, Amitabh helped Desai to start this film.

The striking part of the "muhurat" was that it was held inside a cinema hall (Gaiety). So each guest was given a numbered card. Exactly on the given time, a portion of the film featuring Amitabh, Sridevi and Sunjay Dutt was screened. Then the tall hero with the number one heroine came on the stage, thereby ending their earlier decision not to act together after Aakhri Raasta.

If a scene of the film has already been shot, how can you call it a "muhurat", which is meant to be the first shot? P.R.O. Asif Merchant explained that the auspicious shot had been screened instead of being filmed. After all, the idea was to do something new. The scene showed the three stars and some stuntmen engaged in the tough Buzhka-shi sport of Afghanistan. It had been shot just a few days back.

That's why the two stars were wearing heavy but colourful Afghan dresses and turbans, when they mounted the stage for the formal ceremony. Director Mukul Anand declared that the film would be dedicated to Manmohan Desai, whereafter usual routines of clapper-board, camera-switch and the cracking of coconuts were also performed. A dialogue spoken by Amitabh in his rich voice was a bonus for the guests. The film capsule was screened again to please the late-comers. And



An "injured" Amitabh made a spectacular entrance at the muhurat of Shanakht. He is pictured here with co-stars and producer Tinnu Anand (right).

everything was over in half an hour, the shortest possible "muhurat", while others take hours just to start.

Khuda Gawah is not quite new for Amitabh. He was doing film of that name for Manmohan's late brother Subhas Desai. Parveen Babi was his heroine and Amit was doing a double role. But it was shelved. In the new film, Amit is playing Badshah Khan who comes from Afghanistan, while Sridevi does a double role, first as the hero's beloved and then in a romantic triangle with Sunjay Dutt and Farha. The film will be shot in Afghanistan, Ladakh, etc. and the release target is set for March, 1990.

Retirement
Manmohan Desai has announced his retirement from film directing. Some say it is a great loss and others say it is

good riddance. Manmohan's health and age don't permit such exhausting tasks. And he has already prepared his son Ketan to carry on the good (bad) work, with himself as the back-seat driver. The retirement was provocation enough for an unusual celebration. His loyal friends S. Ramanathan and Amitabh managed that with a tri-purpose function at Leela Penta Hotel.

One was to release the cassettes of Ganga Jamma Saraswati and also to declare them "gold discs". They said that this unique sales was achieved in just two days. It also meant that the cassettes were in the shops before the "release".

The second purpose was to start yet another Amitabh film Rasta to be made by Ramanathan.

And the third was Manmohan's official farewell, where he was covered up to the chin with garlands. A big one brought by a producer was like the last straw, on the poor man's back.

In the speeches that followed, mention was made of Manmohan's early career — the days when he was poor and would walk to Bombay's Hanging Gardens to write his scripts. His son Ketan would bring him his food.

Manmohan in his reply thanked all and Amitabh in particular for co-operating with him for 15 years. He also asked for the customary forgiveness for any mistakes or insult to anyone. And he added: "You will keep seeing me through my son Ketan." Amitabh then made a mock charge on Manmohan: "You had said during 'Amar, Akbar, Anthony' that

we would never leave each other. But now you are doing that. Either you lied at that time or it is now. But I kept my promise of not leaving you."

Manmohan replied: "If at all I come back, it will be as my long-lost brother called Funmohan or Tannmohan Desai."

Launched
Another film launched in a different way was Sawan Kumar's Dasher. Since this festival signifies the destroying of evil, by burning the effigy of Ravana after nine days, the producers also burnt off a lot of fireworks.

But the real climax came when a huge effigy of Amrish Puri (the worst among present villains) as a modern Ravana was set to fire. Poor Amrish watched this, while facing the camera with leetendra, Rekha, Jackie and Salma Agha.

An unpleasant surprise for the guests and journalists was that there were no drinks and



Amitabh (left) and Sridevi as Afghans at the "muhurat" of 'Khuda Gawah'.

cats. It's because the film folks were rushing off to premiere of Dayavan on the same night. Feroz Khan has revived this trend at a crowded city theatre and also followed it up with a late night private party at Oberoi.

Feroz was in great mood, laughing all the way to the hotel, while trade people behind his back were saying that the film would not run. Hero Vinod Khanna was being flattered for his grand performance. And to beat this competition, Amitabh started yet one more film called Shanakht (Identity) at R.K. Studios with Tinnu Anand as director. To make it look different, the set comprised a goods train with Amit appearing with the make-up of an injured man, with Madhuri as his new heroine. (Madhuri and Tinnu have both acted in Dayavan).

A really different film making a humble start, on a quiet Sunday morning in a Parsi middle class colony was Percy. Being made with N.F.D.C. aid by Pervaz Merwanji, it is based on a published story by Cyrus Mistry, about a youth's search for "identity" through music.

All its characters are played by Parsis, who will speak their natural Gujarati dialect. This is a big change from the fake Parsi films, where popular stars appear and talk in a broken form of Hindi. Merwanji did a Film Institute course in 1971 and has finally got a chance to make his own film after seven years of struggle.

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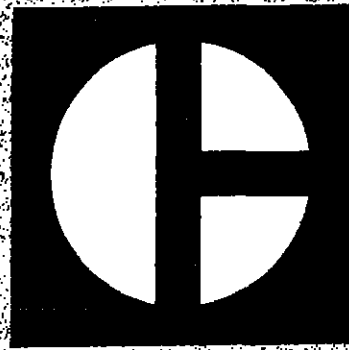
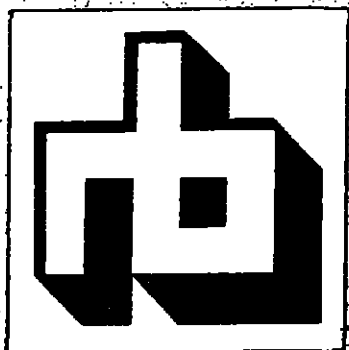
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BEHIND THE SCREEN

AS anticipated in these columns, the Sawan-Shilpa war has ended swiftly. Film friend and leader Ramraj Nahta made a settlement whereby Shilpa is free to work in outside films, provided she allows 15 days of every month, till October 1990, to films of Sawan Kumar or to producers of his choice. Though this is like a half bondage, it was hailed as a truce and Shilpa was also declared to be the third heroine of Sawan's new film Dasher. Now Deepintika and her people are worried about her future, after being the third heroine in Sawan's Souten ki Beti.

The tragic air crash in Ahmedabad a day before Dasher might have claimed a star victim. Comedian Asrani was booked for the same flight. But he cancelled his ticket as he wanted to attend the religious ceremonies for the festival at his house.

Despite success as a director, Rakesh Roshan cannot give up his first love, acting. So he put on his wig and went to act as a police officer in a Rajasthan film Ramkudi, Jhamkudi (like Seeta Aur Geeta). Rakesh was put up at the famous Umair Palace Hotel of Jodhpur. He was so fascinated by it that he decided to make a film there, exploiting every room and passage of the monument.

Rekha has scored one more point above Sridevi by declaring that she is not money-mad like other actresses, who say that they will not charge one paisa less than Rs25 lakhs. Rekha says she can give any sacrifice for a good role and that way she proposes to remain eternally popular. But then, Sridevi has already got Amitabh, and poor Rekha has not.

Ghazal singers have also developed the craze for acting. Talat Aziz has thrown off the specs on his face to act in Jannat with Juhi Chawla, Sonu Walia and Aadiya. Of course he will sing too. Hope, the experience proves 'heavenly' and not 'hellish' for him.

A raw young director is exposing so much footage over re-takes and wrong shots, that two films could be made from the same stock. Guess who?

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Thought for today

WHEN a stupid man is doing something he is ashamed of, he always declares that it is his duty — George Bernard Shaw, Irish-born playwright (1856-1950).

Africa becoming major heroin route

By Patrick Mower

NAIROBI, Kenya, (UPI): Africa is faced with a new scourge it is ill-prepared to fight: heroin.

Virtually unknown a few years ago on a continent already wracked by ruinous droughts, killer diseases and civil strife, heroin is slowly making its appearance in African capitals. As a direct result of the increasing use of the "African connection" — a transit route between India and Pakistan and established markets in the United States and Europe — experts fear African heroin addiction will grow rapidly.

"We never knew in the past it could get this serious," said the head of Kenya's anti-narcotics unit who asked not to be named for security reasons. "It's a fairly new phenomenon."

Until 1984, there was virtually no heroin in Africa. In 1985, says the International Police Organisation Interpol, 130 pounds were seized. For the first six months of 1988, Paris-based Interpol reported seizures totalling 145 pounds.

"In the West we estimate seizures represent about 10 per cent of the total," said a Western narcotics expert. "Here we don't even know whether that would be an accurate estimate. It may well be on the low side."

"People may have brought in bags and bags of the stuff without being caught," the Kenyan narcotics official said. "For a long time heroin was not a priority. Now we have to move fast."

Corrupt customs officials, lack of resources and specialised knowledge — not to mention largely unpatrolled borders — contribute to dragging Africa into the highly organised international racket.

Kenya and Nigeria are the main African transit points. But Kenya's narcotics chief has only 20 men under his command, the only policemen who "can recognise heroin when they see it," he said.

Next year 50 more will be trained by donor countries and organisations who have also pledged material assistance. But much more will be needed simply to keep the traffic at "manageable" levels.

The senior officer, who conducts almost every drug bust himself, has no boats to patrol Kenya's 960-mile (1,545 km.)

coastline and the Kenyan portion of Lake Victoria, the world's second largest fresh water lake. His squad has only few vehicles and little equipment.

What's more, many local judges are hardly aware of the nature of heroin and arrested traffickers often get off lightly. Last year a man caught with 6.4 pounds of heroin was fined \$277 — the retail price of just over two grams of heroin on international markets. More recently a woman arrested at Nairobi airport with 1.3 pounds of heroin was released on a \$554 bond.

Yet Kenya, which plans a major extension of its anti-narcotics squad and the new drug laws, is still more efficient than most African countries in combating the illegal trade.

"Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia and Ethiopia are among the few countries that are doing something to stop the traffic," said one expert. "Most African policy-makers are not aware of the dangers. They don't believe this can be happening in Africa."

Lack of awareness of the drug traffic and its dangers has discouraged pan-African co-operation in fighting it, while encouraging "couriers" to use African routes.

Many governments seem to think that since their countries do not produce opium and its heroin derivative they do not have a consumption problem. Experts like the UN International Narcotics Board say "drug abuse nearly always ensues wherever illicit trafficking takes place."

Problem
The worst-hit country is the Indian Ocean island of Mauritius, a transit route long before other African countries.

"It has a tremendous consumer problem," said a Western expert. "Per capita it is as big as in the United States. We're talking of between 20,000 and 40,000 consumers out of a 1 million population."

In Kenya the number of addicts is still fairly low — police know of about 100 in Nairobi — but is likely to grow. Many Kenyans traditionally smoke marijuana — known as "bhong" — which grows prolifically in this East African country.

"Heroin is new to our people," the Kenyan narcotics officer said. "They could get hooked without knowing what they're getting into. They'll get a rude awakening."

Election turns Canadians patriotic

By Laurie Watson

OTTAWA, (UPI): Canadians have traditionally left flag waving to their American neighbours, but a general election focused on the US-Canada Free Trade Agreement has caused a patriotic outburst that could cost Conservative Prime Minister Brian Mulroney his job.

The Nov 21 election, virtually a referendum on the free trade initiative signed earlier this year by President Reagan and Mulroney, has divided Canadians into separate factions: economists and businessmen desiring easier access to the huge American market and others fearful of the American embrace.

For the majority of Canadians, free trade is a "sovereignty and cultural issue" rather than an economic one like it is in the United States, said Lorne Bozinoff, vice-president of the Canadian Gallup Poll.

Canadians, for the first time in nearly a century, are considering "the kind of country we have, the kinds of services offered Canadians and the kinds of things that differentiate Canadians from the United States," Bozinoff said.

Barriers
That kind of soul searching is not unique to Canada. It is likely to become more widespread in the drive to reduce international trade barriers.

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher is proving just as intransigent about a proposed move by the European Economic Community to phase out all internal barriers to trade by 1992. In the United States, there are increasing concerns about the level of Japanese investment in the country.

The highly charged debate over free trade has led to an

astounding turnaround for the opposition Liberal Party, which was in third place behind Mulroney's Conservatives and Socialist New Democrats heading into the 51-day election campaign last month.

A strong anti-free trade campaign by Liberal leader John Turner, who has accused Mulroney of trying to make Canada a US colony, rocketed the party into the lead in opinion polls, although there are wide variations in the margin.

The odds are that no party will win a majority and that a minority Liberal or Conservative government will emerge from the elections. The Conservatives need a majority to get parliamentary approval for the free trade agreement, since the other two parties oppose the pact.

Support
Recent polls show support for the agreement has declined. A Gallup Poll, 50 per cent of voters were opposed, while support dropped to 26 per cent from 42 per cent just six weeks ago.

Essentially, Canadians must decide whether the agreement will pay off in increased prosperity or ultimately result in a decline in their standard of living and long-cherished social benefits, such as national health care and unemployment insurance programmes.

Mulroney hailed the agreement as the cornerstone of his economic policy. But he has responded ineffectively to those who argue that Canadian businesses will seek to reduce health care and unemployment insurance costs so they can compete better with American firms, many of which provide lower employee benefits.

In addition, American officials have already called Canada's financial aid to regional industries an unfair subsidy,

Selecting themselves

SIR: The composition of the Indian squad to play against Great Britain in the Speedbird Trophy at Ahmedabad is surprising.

As a regular spectator of cricket at Ahmedabad grounds (especially matches under Hubara League) I can say without any doubt that most of the players are selected on grounds other than their performance in the current or last season.

The persons who were authorised to select India XI have selected themselves and put their names first on the list, one of them as captain.

The so-called captain is not even a regular player and played only when his team was short of players during last two seasons and never showed any performance worth mentioning during this period.

It also looks like one of the players is selected just because once upon a time he was a good cricket organiser. To add insult to injury, the selectors have selected two Indian players to represent the Indian team.

As Speedbird Trophy is a prestigious sports event in

Kuwait, which gives us a chance to watch a match of international standard, I sincerely request the organisers to select the team on the basis of performance and nationality (as a nation's name is used to name the team) which will help promote cricket in Kuwait.

Indian cricket lover,
(Name and address supplied)

Surprise selection

SIR: The selection of the Indian team to play against Great Britain XI in the Speedbird Trophy has come as a real surprise.

Frank Monteiro is supposed to lead the Indian team. I do not recall seeing him play for Hawks till Nov 10, '88, when Hawks played against Hubara. It is like recalling Pataudi to lead an Indian team for a Test match.

Frank may be a good player of yesteryears. That doesn't give him the right to lead the team now. Is it that just because he is the selector, he has chosen himself as the captain too?

The Speedbird Trophy is one of the highlights of the Hubara

season and all the players work hard to get into the Indian/Pakistani side, but the selectors seem to have their own favourites to choose from. Six players have been chosen from the Hawks, but some of them are not even Indian nationals. Players from other teams who have performed so well have been overlooked.

I hope the organisers step in and make sure that only Indians play for the Indian XI team.

Ronald D'Souza,
Ahmad.

Taken for a ride

SIR: Your well covered report on "Naghamon Ki Raat, Sitaron Ke Saath" (AT, Nov 5) is an eye-opener for all those poor, entertainment starved people from the Indian subcontinent.

People who had to pay large amounts for tickets for the show were taken for a ride by irresponsible artistes like Salma Agha and her company, who are unfit to perform live on stage. She and her group stole our money in the name of live

show. If we want to listen to recorded music, we can easily buy an audio cassette of our favourite singer for 500 fils and listen in peace. There'll be no sound systems to hiccup, nor audience to shout in disgust.

Mohammad Ali and
friends,
Safat.

Un-Islamic activities

SIR: A controversy is going on in Kuwait among the Goans regarding ballroom dancing. This sort of dancing is alien to Goan culture but some self-interested persons are promoting it to amass wealth for themselves. This dancing business was actually started by a group called Kuwait Goans.

In an Islamic country, these people are encouraging un-Islamic activities. I strongly denounce them.

I request the Kuwait government to intervene and ban all such exotic type of activities conducted by some expatriates.

Jose Oliveira Fernandes,
Safat.

Treatment delayed

SIR: I was involved in a car accident on Nov 1. The police arrived very quickly and I was taken to the Mubarak Al Kaber Hospital right away. There, I had to go through a mass of paperwork and it was half an hour before the first doctor took a look at me.

Fortunately, I was not hurt badly, although I had bleeding cuts on my cheek and above my left eye. In all, it took more than two hours before the dressing was put on. Had I been seriously injured, I would have been dead long before receiving treatment in the emergency room at the Mubarak Al Kaber Hospital.

Barbara N. Abu-Eish,
Hawalli.

Speak softly

SIR: I refer to P.S. Nair's letter "Unjust criticism" (AT, Nov 10-11). I am glad Nair has correctly guessed the tin-language I had written about in the Arab Times (Oct 27-28).



Honestly, it was not my intention to criticise the language but the loud tone in which it is spoken. A language is sweet music to the ears if it is spoken sweetly and softly.

As regards his suggestion to plug the ears to protect from the noise, well, if all of us start doing so, Nair will have only himself to talk to.

AM,
(Name and address supplied)

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European allies shy away from giving their go-ahead to short-range nuclear weapons

New East-West climate complicates NATO plans

By Richard Balmforth

BRUSSELS, (Reuters): NATO is inching ahead with plans to develop new short-range nuclear weapons but the changing East-West climate is tempting key European allies to shy away from giving their final go-ahead.

The Western military alliance says its long-standing plans are on track to develop a new land missile to replace the ageing Lance and an air-to-surface missile to penetrate upgraded Soviet air defences.

But wooed by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and with arms control exerting more appeal, some Europeans are reluctant to talk about stiffening the West's nuclear defences just now.

They fear moves to modernise could be branded by Western peace movements as a violation of the US-Soviet medium-range missile accord, though the weapons involved are not covered by that treaty.

By Joseph C. Harsch

WASHINGTON: There is nothing in the world of power politics as sensitive, complex, difficult, and important to all other countries as the German-Soviet relationship.

Every diplomat around the world was listening for any scrap of implication coming from the Kremlin where West Germany's leaders were talking with the Soviet Union's leaders.

The specifics were unimportant. The occasion, or excuse, for the visit was to sign a big West-German bank loan intended to help the Soviets increase the supply of consumer goods to their long-suffering people.

The overtones are everything. Was this the beginning of a Soviet-German reconciliation, which could spread from a bank loan to other areas, including politics?

Much of European history has for 200 years revolved around the Russian-German relationship.

By John Fullerton

BEIRUT, (Reuters): They carry automatic rifles, wear T-shirts and baseball caps and the locals call them Lebanon's American militia.

In a country where many paramilitary factions vie for power, security sources say a force of about 500 Christian and Muslim gunmen guard about 70 American embassy workers and diplomats from potential kidnappers and assassins.

This is part of the price of security for foreigners in Lebanon, but the risk is still high. There are 17 Westerners missing, believed kidnapped, in Lebanon. Of these, 10 are American citizens.

The US diplomats work in almost monastic isolation behind the high walls and watchtowers of their fortress-like compound on a hillside northeast of Beirut.

Recreation

There is little opportunity for recreation. "We do a lot of reading, and there's no such thing as a weekend," said one.

For a visitor to gain access, he needs patience.

The guards risk and question most strangers, keeping many waiting, sometimes for hours, before they are admitted through a succession of anti-tank obstacles, gates and surveillance cameras to the inner sanctum.

If an American wants to venture out to play a rare game of tennis, have dinner with a Lebanese politician or simply go shopping, he or she must do so behind

"Inside the alliance things are moving along well (on modernisation). What we do not know is where the political debate is going to be next year," one NATO diplomat said.

NATO's uneasy centres on key ally West Germany, whose Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher has been most upbeat about future East-West ties with Gorbachev in power.

He opposes an early decision to upgrade short-range nuclear weapons now and has called instead for negotiations with the Soviet Union to reduce them. The Soviet Union has a heavy superiority over NATO in short-range systems.

Modernising
"Compensating disarmament in one area is out of the question," Genscher said in a recent newspaper interview in West Germany.

Short-range, or tactical, weapons include artillery shells that can be lobbed up to 30 km



Mikhail Gorbachev

(18 miles) and the US Lance missile that can travel about 115 km (70 miles).

Modernising these elderly systems has taken on increased military importance for NATO in the wake of the superpowers' 1987 Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty abolishing ground-based mis-

siles of 500-5,500 km (300-3,400 miles) range.

To NATO's chagrin, Genscher's view has now been espoused by Belgium which says talk of short-range modernisation in the current East-West climate is premature.

At a NATO nuclear planning meeting last month, Belgium, whose six-month-old centre-left government has been influenced by the Flemish Socialist Party, declined to endorse an alliance report on short-range systems.

Diplomats say they have also detected sympathy from Italy for Bonn's views. All three countries would be natural sites to deploy a new generation of short-range missiles.

No ally flatly opposes modernisation. But this provides little comfort for those like the United States and Britain who say time is running out and want an early decision.

Both Bonn and Brussels insist there should be no decision until NATO has charted a "compre-

When Soviets and Germans speak, others listen

Any sudden change in that relationship can trigger wars, or shift the balance of power in the world. A secret pact between Russians and Germans at Rapallo, Italy, in 1922, upset the Versailles settlement of World War I and allowed the Germans to rebuild their armed forces inside Russia.

Pact
The Hitler-Stalin Pact of 1939 ignited World War II. Hitler's Panzer battalions and Goering's Luftwaffe were born and nourished inside Soviet Union with Soviet help.

The story goes back further. Napoleon invaded Soviet Union with Prussia, then the leading German state, as his ally. His military downfall was assured the day the Prussians broke their alliance and went over to the Soviets.

Since World War II, the Soviet Union have protected them-

selves against a German revival by the imposed division of Germany between East and West. The centrepiece of Moscow's policy toward Germany has been the communist state of East Germany.

"The German Democratic Republic," "That division of Germany has been the central feature of the post-World War II settlement in Europe. Any change in that pattern would, to indulge in gross understatement, be unsettling. The last thing in the world the British, French, Italians, and other West Europeans want is a revival of Bismarck's greater Germany."

Free
The ability to allow that revival by freeing East Germany has been a trump card in Moscow's hand since 1945. Will they ever play that card? And can there ever be a Soviet-German reconciliation without that free-

ing of East Germany?

There can never be a meeting between top Soviets and top Germans without that possibility in mind. It is the play which could win the Germans over to the Soviet Union's side.

A wise German diplomat with whom I had many long discussions in Berlin in 1940 told me that someday there would have to be a closer association between Germans and Soviets. "Either we will conquer them through war or we will merge with them through diplomacy," he said. That was before Hitler invaded the Soviet Union. Hitler wanted to merge German skill and energy with the raw materials, raw manpower, and space of the Soviet Union.

Such a merger, in any form and by any means, would produce a power capable of dominating the world. The Germans tried to bring about that merger in World

Wars I and II. The Soviets have tried to bring it about, under their leadership, since 1945, largely by threats and intimidation.

All of Western Europe would welcome Soviet-German reconciliation — within strict limits. A reconciliation which would lead to an easy, normal, and non-threatening relationship would vastly reduce the danger of another war in Europe.

But a reconciliation which pulled West Germany out of NATO ties with the West and into the Soviet power orbit would be a sheer horror to the others.

There are no answers to the questions involved in all this in the news from Moscow. The sessions were said to be friendly. The Soviets sweetened the atmosphere at the talks when Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev promised to "solve the problem of the Soviet-German minority." There are 2 million ethnic Germans in the Soviet Union. They want freedom to practice their culture and religion. Many wish to return to Germany or to their pre-war homes along the Volga. Their lot will probably be easier.

Kohl also said the Soviets promised to release all political

prisoners by the end of the year. Nothing else happened, so far as we in the West yet know, that went beyond plans for more trade between the two countries and for easier treatment of ethnic Germans in the Soviet Union.

Shiver
But whenever West Germans and Soviets get together, outsiders get edgy. A mention of Rapallo (the 1922 pact between Germany and the Soviet Union) makes any Western diplomat shiver. Western diplomats were edgy as they devoured reports from the Kremlin about how Gorbachev and West Germany's Chancellor Helmut Kohl got along together.

It is generally assumed in the West that the last piece of Stalin's empire which Gorbachev would ever release would be East Germany. And to keep East Germany he must also keep Poland and Czechoslovakia. The supply lines to his 20 divisions in East Germany run through those other two countries.

Many are astonished at his apparent willingness to loosen that Soviet grip on the Baltic states. He seems to be allowing Lithuania a degree of autonomy inconceivable earlier. But the Baltic littoral is not East Germany.

The Christian Science Monitor.

Volunteer envoys count the cost of staying on in Lebanon

a phalanx of guards with the firepower of an infantry platoon. The US ambassador pays courtesy calls in a high-speed convoy, with heavy machine-guns mounted fore and aft on trucks.

Volunteers

All US nationals working in the embassy are volunteers. They stay in Beirut without their families, and their reward is a month-long break every 12 weeks or so, together with a 50 per cent increase in pay.

In contrast to the Americans, West European embassies have tackled the security problem by slashing their presence down to a symbolic two or three diplomats.

"My ministry says I mustn't venture into risky areas, but it wants me to talk to everyone," said one ambassador. "So it looks the other way when I cross Beirut's Green Line (battlefront)."

Britain has drastically reduced its presence. The remaining officials are closely protected 24 hours a day by a team of highly-trained bodyguards from the Royal Military Police.

Embassies are still threatened from time to time, and resources are used to gather information of impending attacks.

"We knew a boatload of people were coming across to seize some of our guards," said one

foreign envoy. "But the operation was cancelled when they realised we were ready for them."

In practical terms, several Western diplomats say they want to hang on as long as Lebanon remains the template of the Middle East's turbulent politics.

"It's also a matter of principle," said a European diplomat. "As long as we champion Lebanese self-determination, we've a role to play."

Dilemma

Now, Americans and their West European colleagues face a legal dilemma in maintaining a toehold in turbulent Beirut. Lebanon's parliament has twice failed to elect a successor to outgoing President Amin Gemayel.

At the last moment, Gemayel appointed Army commander Michel Aoun as head of an interim Christian administration, rivaling a caretaker Muslim cabinet in west Beirut.

Each cabinet claims to represent legitimate, constitutional authority in the divided country. Neither has so far had formal recognition from any Western mission.

The Russians and their East European allies have also adopted a wait-and-see approach from their well-guarded compounds in mainly-Muslim west Beirut.

So far the current US ambassador, John McCarthy, has not presented his credentials. He arrived after President Gemayel's six-year term expired on Sept 23.

But this did not stop McCarthy and his aides from intervening in the country's subsequent constitutional crisis.

Crisis
Fearing fresh violence and possible partition, they thrashed out an understanding with Syria, the main influence in Lebanese affairs, to support, a compromise candidate for the top job.

The play failed. Washington's envoys had underestimated Christian opposition to Syrian involvement, and the bedlam that some American analysts believed would ensue if no president was elected did not materialise.

"Frankly, Western governments aren't terribly interested in Lebanon," said one ambassador. Another diplomat commented: "Our masters are happy when there's no news from here."

One diplomat felt his mission's days might number unless there was either a marked improvement in security or the Lebanese succeeded in electing a new head of state.

"Lebanon shouldn't take our presence for granted," he said.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1511 — England and Spain form defensive alliance against French.
- 1528 — Elizabeth I becomes Queen of England on death of Mary I.
- 1604 — Sir Walter Raleigh is tried for treason and is imprisoned in England.
- 1831 — Venezuela, Ecuador and New Grenada dissolve Union of Colombia; New Grenada becomes independent state.
- 1869 — Suez Canal opens in Egypt, linking Mediterranean and Red Seas.
- 1903 — Dahomey becomes French protectorate.
- 1913 — First vessels pass through Panama Canal.
- 1937 — Lord Halifax visits Adolf Hitler for peaceful settlement of Sudeten issue, marking start of Britain's policy of appeasement.
- 1954 — General Gamal Abdel Nasser becomes head of state in Egypt.
- 1964 — Britain says it will ban arms exports to South Africa.
- 1971 — Venij Thanon Kittikachorn seizes power in Thailand, abolishes parliament, dismisses cabinet and suspends nation's constitution.
- 1972 — Former Argentine dictator Juan D. Peron returns to his homeland after 17 years of exile.
- 1976 — China sets off its largest nuclear explosion in atmosphere.
- 1977 — Egypt's President Anwar Sadat formally accepts invitation to visit Israel, ignoring uproar among Arab nations and his own government.
- 1985 — Colombian officials estimate more than 21,500 people dead or missing from volcanic eruption and mudslides in Andean valley four days earlier.
- 1987 — Iran says Iraqi warplanes attacked unfinished nuclear power plant.

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THE election was over and all the campaign staffers had been laid off. I stood by the gate as they poured out of sleaze headquarters holding their pink slips.

"What are you going to do now?" I asked a dazed worker.

"I don't know," he replied. "I've been offered a job making cheap shots for the private sector."

"You manufactured cheap shots for the presidential campaign?"

"I was the best. I took plastic ACLU cards and turned them into Saturday-night specials."

"It was a winner," I said. "Were you the one who polished up half truths to produce the spectre of crime in the streets?"

"I ran the whole assembly line. They gave me a \$100 bonus for inventing a faster way of making unsubstantiated charges. I also designed the 'L' word which scared the hell out of the South. No one ever did understand what the big 'L' really was, but it became a more important symbol than burning the American flag."

"I'm surprised that they fired you. Won't the candidate need cheap shots when he gets into office?"

"Apparently not, but in

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my opinion he is going to miss the sleaze factor, especially when he doesn't get what he wants from Congress."

A second man came up. "Did you make cheap shots also?" I asked him.

"No, I was in charge of taking the low road. Whenever the political campaign decided to take the low road, I produced something to enable them to do exactly that. For example, we leaked the story that an opponent had suffered from mental illness. Then we had our headquarters say they had nothing to do with releasing it, which gave the story a further shove. We followed that up by announcing we could neither confirm nor deny the story, and so were unable to comment on it."

"Is that the furthest you sunk?"

"No, I think the lowest was when we sent the press a photo showing the girlfriend of their candidate

secretly doing Jane Fonda exercises."

"Did you have permission?"

"When you make cheap shots you don't need permission."

"Whatever they paid you wasn't nearly enough."

"It was a living. But now I'm out on the street. Nobody cares about a mudslinger once the fighting is over."

"I wouldn't be too sure. There are a lot of talk shows like Morton Downey's that could use somebody as low down as you."

"I never thought of television."

By now hundreds of people were pouring out of the factory.

One lady said, "We've risked our health manufacturing negative charges and then they dump us out in the cold."

"There is just so much sleaze you can produce in an election campaign," I reminded her.

"I didn't make sleaze. I



wove scurrilous lies."

"You did? Such as?"

"I invented the one which said that, if elected, our opponent would shoot any grey whale which had escaped from the Arctic Circle."

"I heard that one but I didn't believe it," I said.

"I was also in charge of distorting the opposition's stand on defence. When it came off the production line it looked like a Polish sausage."

"You shouldn't have lost your job," I remarked.

"I guess it's part of the game. You lie, cheat and steal for the candidate, but then when he wins he doesn't know you and goes around telling everyone he is really a kinder, gentler person."

1988, Los Angeles Times Syndicate.

By Terence Kennedy

THERE is a hotel manager who has a very punny motto on his desk: "The only man who ever got all his work done by Friday was Robinson Crusoe."

A commodity-broker mounted this truism on his wall: "Ingot we trust." And an overweight ex-pat friend reveals in his own justification: "Survival of the fittest."

All are in their own wry way, examples of paronophilia, an art which elicits everything from grins to groans. Paronophilia is the art of punning, a playing with words which derives its name from the Italian "puntiglio", or fine point.

I've always believed that he who groans at a pun probably wishes he'd said it himself. To show the pun is to do language a disservice, for when well used, the pun can be mightier than the word.

Take this gem from a character in a novel trying to "borrow" his friend's wife: "No greater love hath no man than this, than that he lay down his wife for another." Or this inflammatory exhortation: "Arsonists of the world ignite!"

"Modern art is not as bad as it is painted," wrote one wag. Another, bewailing the sudden rush of science fiction films, spoke of "Sfizia," while a critic once dubbed a good-looking but slow film as "arthritic — rheum with a view."

"Humour is a jocular vein," I remember once writing of a horror-film. And on the subject of criticism, trust George Bernard Shaw to come up with this one: "Critics leave no turn unstoned."

Pun is mightier than the word!

Punning can be totally addictive, and one British newspaper was overwhelmed with entries when it ran a competition asking for, of all things, suggestions for a day's radio programme titles after the holocaust of a nuclear Armageddon. The winning entry went something like this:

At 8.00 am: To Die; then The Week's Decomposer; The Mourning Service; From Our Lone Correspondent (in Antarctica); Just a Minute: I'm Sorry, I Haven't a Cruise; Worldend Week; The Hitchhiker's Guide to What's Left of the Galaxy; Does

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the Steam Think; Frank Muir Goes Into... Little pieces; The Weak in Westminster; The Nukes Quiz; and finally A Book at Bedtime — A Tale of No Cities.

Another competition took a different tack, asking its pun-ners to invent a cast of characters with appropriate names. Among the more printable suggestions were:

● Gerry Mander and Manny Festow, politicians

● Pandit Umersifflee, Indian critic

● Jose Yul Bemein, womaniser

● Evelyn Tent, criminal

● Emma Chissit, merchant

● Laura Norder, policewoman

● Eddie Torrial, newspaper leader-writer

Some people are compulsive punners. Irish writer James Joyce cracked puns so erudite that scholars still haven't found them all: Oscar Wilde was a master who put down those who hated puns with the withering: "A man who could call a spade a spade should be compelled to use one," and the novels of Peter de Vries are full of puns, including this very American one about a

female deer chasing a male deer: "A doe trying to make a fast buck."

Headlines can be a happy source of wordplay. One of my recent favourites topped the tale of US swindler Ivan Boesky: "The Age of Chiselry." Or this one over a nightclub indecency report: "Judges weigh fan-dancer's act, find it wanton."

Told he might not get a visa for Russia, a friend muttered, "Well, Soviet," while in a noisy pub I heard someone declare that he

couldn't hear himself drink!

The love of travel has been put down with this line: "Travel narrows the mind but broadens the buttock." Someone with a negative outlook was said to invent "a difficulty for every solution." "The plot thickens," a critic once said of particularly awful movie about a family of murderers — a family which, moreover, "stays together because it preys together." And a cat hospital advertised its charges as "Four dollars a week purr."

Puns are the foundation on which many a good joke is built. To quote just a few of the more harmless variety:

● Did you hear about the ram who fell over the cliff because he didn't see the ewe turn?

● A homosexual is one who likes his vices versa

● One rabbit to another: "I've just washed my thing and I can't do a hare with it!"

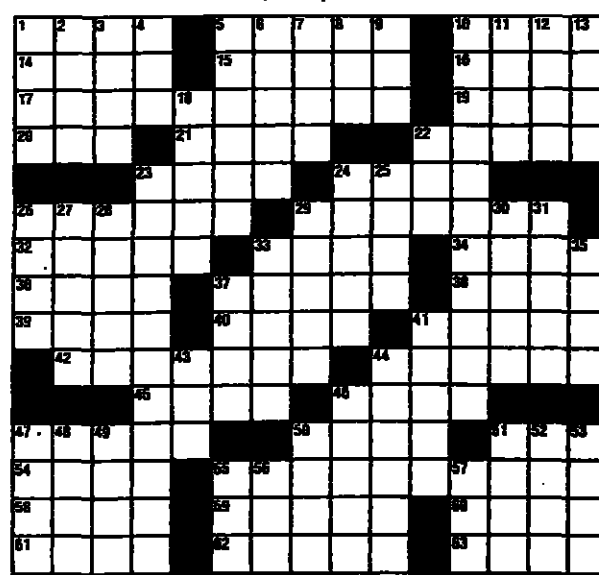
● Definition of a limping nun: Hopalong Chastity

British writers Frank Muir and Dennis Norden are masters of the pun-ch line, having delivered them for years on the BBC panel game "My Word". Their convoluted word-play stories are legendary, and for me the finest was the twisted tale of the African king whose thatch palace collapsed because he stored too many thrones in the attic. Ready? "People who live in grass houses shouldn't stow thrones."

So the pun never sets, not has it done for centuries. Even Shakespeare wasn't above a few, with a dying character in one play saying: "Ask for me tomorrow and you shall find me a grave man."

Courtesy: Middle East Expat

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Choice item
 - Mountain district
 - Strip on a shoe
 - Top-notch
 - Marry secretly
 - Conception
 - Plump
 - red-breast?
 - Bet-Abbes, Algeria
 - Tachometer
 - With "at", sergeant's command
 - Flower part
 - Cool or Hatteras
 - Heroic poem
 - Vocalize
 - Atlas additions
 - Picture puzzle
 - Linemen
 - Comic Johnson
 - Ancient Greek contest
 - Apportion
 - Birth "veil"
 - Dispatched
 - TV's Grandpa
 - Walton
 - Lizard
 - Green Mountain State
 - Odors
 - Indian philosophy
 - European valley
 - Part of NASA
 - It begins at
- DOWN**
- Young salmon
 - Airplane maneuver
 - "E pluribus —"
 - Chess pieces
 - Mexican wrap
 - Shut
 - Garment
 - Procedures
 - cure
 - Poor's time of day
 - Sagacious
 - saline?
 - Do a journalist's job
 - Mother of Castor and Pollux
 - Kite part
 - College officials
 - Dessert offering
 - #5 iron for rural use?
 - Biblical town
 - Attention getter
 - Popular investments
 - Israeli desert
 - Kind of steak
 - Shoreline feature
 - Prepare for a bout
 - Acrobatic feat
 - Turgenev heroine
 - Fraternization
 - organization
 - Spellbound
 - RR timetable
 - Larry — and Curly: The 3 Stooges
 - Permit
 - Winchester or Springfield
 - Yellow and Black
 - Bucket
 - River at Florence
 - Ananias, for one
 - Speech defect
 - To a position upon
 - Part of a revue
 - Sword
 - Prefix with cycle
 - Ethiopian prince

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
COMBINE YOUR CHANCES

Both vulnerable. North deals.

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♦ K 10 2

♣ A K 9 6

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♣ J 8 5 3

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♥ A Q J 10 3

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Without giving the matter much thought, declarer tried ace, king and another club. West won the eight and returned the jack, forcing declarer to ruff. Now declarer tried for the endplay by cashing the ace-king of diamonds and then tossing East on lead with a trump, but East had a diamond to cash for down one.

Declarer should have paid more heed to the spots. Once East had dropped two club honors, declarer could almost have claimed his contract. All he had to do was return to lead with the ace of diamonds and lead a club up to the nine. If West follows low and the nine loses to the jack, the fourth club is set up for a diamond discard. And should East turn up with four clubs and has been indulging in some fancy falsecarding, you simply weren't making this contract anyway.

South's decision to bid game rather than three spades is commendable. First, a raise to three spades would have sounded competitive rather than based on values. Secondly, the king of hearts behind the overall is worth a full trick, making the hand strong enough to contract for game.

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Calling all spurned lovers, tyrannized employees For sale: insults to suit the occasion

EVENTS

Soviet actress comes to town

SOVIET actress Y.K. Goshinka and director S.S. Govruchin arrive in Kuwait this week to take part in a Soviet film festival.

"Aspects of Modern Soviet Cinema" will be held from Nov 19 to 27 at the Chambers of Commerce and Industry. It has been organised by the Kuwait Cine Club.

Seven modern Soviet films, including one based on an Anton Chekov's story, will be shown during the festival, which opens on Saturday (Nov 19) with *Assa*, a two-part film on the life of a young girl, Aika.

An *Unfinished Piece for a Mechanical Piano*, based on Chekov's story, is about a young man who is disillusioned by the change in a woman he once loved.

Set in the Middle Ages Andrei Rublyov is the story of

a semi-mythical hero — Rublyov, a great painter of the 15th century.

The *Theme* focusses on the inner turmoil faced by a playwright in search of inspiration.

Choice, based on Yu Bondarev's novel, tells the story of a painter who is shattered by the death of his close friend.

Childhood and the pains of growing up are portrayed in *Messenger Boy*, based on a story by Karen Shakhnazarov.

Weirdo tells the story of a man and his granddaughter, Lena and her growth from a timid child into a girl of great courage.

All films will start at 7.30 pm at the auditorium of the Chambers of Commerce and Industry. Children are not admitted. (For dates please see What's On).



'Weirdo' features Christina Orbakaitė and Yuri Nikulin.

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum

DAILY: 5 pm onwards: Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Friday: 9 am onwards.

Islamic Arts Museum

SAT-THURS: 8.30 am to 12.30 noon and 4.30 to 7.30 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

Tareq Rajab Museum

SAT-THURS: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; FRIDAYS: 9 am to noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.

Sudu House

SAT-THURS: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

Indian Contemporary Art Exhibition

Richness in Spirit is the title of an exhibition of Indian contemporary art. Figurative art by 30 painters is on show at the Kuwait National Museum, daily from 8 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm; until Dec 15.

CINEMA

Aspects of Modern Soviet Cinema

NOV 19: "Assa," directed by Sergei Solovyov; starring Titiana Drubich, Sergei Bugayev.

NOV 20: "An Unfinished Piece for a Mechanical Piano," directed by Nikita Mikhalkov; starring Alexander Kalagin, Yelena Solovay.

NOV 21: "Andrei Rublyov," directed by Andrei Tarkovsky; starring Anatoly Solonitsyn, Ivan Lapikov.

NOV 22: "The Theme," directed by Gleb Panfilov; starring Mikhail Ulyanov, Inna Churikova.

NOV 23: "Choice," directed

by Vladimir Naumov; starring Natalia Belokhvostikova, Mikhail Ulyanov.

NOV 26: "Messenger Boy," starring Oleg Basilashvili, Anastasia Nemolyayeva; directed by Karen Shakhnazarov.

NOV 27: "Weirdo," starring Christina Orbakaitė, Yuri Nikulin; directed by Rolan Bykov.

British Council NOV 17 (10.30 am): Button Moon, a children's film featuring the Spoon Family and their friends, will be shown at the British Council. Children of all nationalities are welcome. Free admission but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 251-5512; 253-3204.

Agatha NOV. 19/20 (6.30 pm): Agatha, a fictional solution to the real-life mystery of Agatha Christie's disappearance in 1926, will be shown at the British Council, Mansouriya. It stars Dustin Hoffman and Vanessa Redgrave. Admission is free but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 2515512/2533204.

Alghanim — GM Motorshow UNTIL THURSDAY: 9.30 am-1 pm; 4-8 pm; A full range of 1989 GM cars will be displayed at the Tent, SAS Hotel. All are welcome.

LECTURE

Kuwait Economics Society NOV 19: 6 pm. Professor Dr Volker Nienhauf of the Ruhr University in Bochum, W. Germany, will give a lecture on "Islamic Economy and Banking" at the Kuwait Economic Society, behind Al Salam Palace, North Shuwaikh.

MUSIC

Piano and Violin Recital NOV 23: Kuwait Hilton will present piano and violin recital by Matthias Kellig and Tibor Kovacs. They will play compositions by Beethoven, Schubert and Brahms. Tickets available from Hilton lobby.

Swiss pianist gives recital

NOV 23: Swiss pianist Werner Bartisch will give a recital at the Al Jahra Ballroom, Meridian Hotel. He will play compositions by Bach, Chopin, Janacek, Franck and his own works. Tickets available at the Meridian Hotel.

Rock the Night NOV 23 (8 pm): Nov 24 (5 and 8 pm): Sounds Great's show at Salmiya Cinema with music by Seventh Sky. Music of Def Leppard, Joan Jett, Gary Moore, Europe and Heart played by Seventh Sky. Tel: 5740256/7; Riad — 5386294.

Filipino Song Festival NOV 25: The Kapisanang Pilipino sa Kuwait will stage their third annual song festival at the Trade Union Hall, Maidan Hawalli, at 4 pm. All Filipinos are welcome.

THEATRE

Bolshoi Ballet NOV 17 (7.30 pm); Nov 20 (8 pm): Bolshoi and Lithuanian dancers will present Soviet ballet at Al Andalus Cinema. Excerpts from Swan Lake, Don Quixote and other well-known semi-classical works will be presented. Tickets are available from the Andalus box office from Monday.

Brer Rabbit NOV 17 (6.30 pm): Brer Rabbit, a children's musical show, will be performed at the Universal American School. Directed by Ken Winston.

Nov 17/18: Matinees at 3 pm at the same venue. For reservations call 5740256/7, 9am-1pm; 4.30-7pm; or 5731782.

SOCIAL

Kuwait Welsh Society NOV 23 (Wed): Kuwait Welsh Society will hold "Tramps Supper". For further details call 3713467.

Kuwait Caledonians NOV 24: St Andrews Night

Dinner will be held at Messilah Beach Hotel. Guests from Scotland will be Abie and John Carmichael. For details and reservations ring 5335082; 3727690 ext 253.

Badelek Picnic '88 NOV 25: from 8.30 am at Messilah Beach Hotel. The Bangladesh Diploma Engineers Society will hold a picnic. Games for children will be conducted from 9.30 am. For details call Mohsin — 4674055 before Nov 21.

Upasana DEC 8: Upasana presents musical evening at IAC. Old and new songs from Malayalam, Hindi and other regional Indian languages will be presented.

Bangladesh Association THE Bangladesh Association, Kuwait, will publish a souvenir on the occasion of Victory Day. Bangladeshis are invited to submit articles for the souvenir before Nov 30. For details call Zakir — 4741876; Musaddaque — 2414191; Yousuf — 2434555 ext 2754.

HOTELS

At Messilah Beach MUBARAKIYAH Restaurant: open 24 hours, buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner and snacks. Sundays: Ladies Day; Mondays: birthday special; Fridays: special buffet "a go go".

At the Ramada LE MIRAGE Night Club: Thursday night BBQ, full buffet; music by Al Arzz Band.

At Bender Coffee Shop: continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner; 6 am to midnight; a la carte available.

At Gandou Grill Garden: 7 pm to midnight, features a selection of grilled specialties.

Open Garden: 7 pm to midnight; a selection of teas, coffees, and juices; Arguilla water pipe available; videos shown on large screen every day.

Fish and Chips Shop: 4 pm to

11 pm. Take away counter: 4 pm to 11 pm, Arabic sandwiches and snacks.

At the Continental Gardenia: 7 am to midnight; buffets featuring Arabic, Continental and Indian food. Special buffet for Thursday dinner and Friday lunch.

Darbar: daily Indian lunch buffet, except Friday; a la carte dinner.

SPORTS

Kuwait National Championship

CALLING all marshalls for the fifth round of the Kuwait National Championship to be held on Nov 18. Final meeting will be held on Nov 17.5 pm, at the K.T. Club. For details call 4841433 (8 am to 12.30 pm; 3.30-6 pm).

PBAK bowling tournament Registration continues for the PBAK second Filipino non-pro bowling. Rules will be announced after completing entry forms. Deadline: Nov 22. For details call Sarah Macarimbang — Tel: 484-3447.

Ahmadi Karting Club NOV 18: Friday. The Ahmadi Karting club will hold their annual Enduro race. Two hour non-stop race with pit stops, engine changes and all the excitement of two hours of racing. Rating: Fish and chips — 4.20 pm; 12.30 pm; Public fun-karts available: 5 pm.

PRAYERS

Fajr	4.52 am
Zuhr	11.33
Asr	2.32 pm
Maghreb	4.52
Isha	6.12

FRIDAY

Fajr	4.52 am
Friday Prayer	11.33
Asr	2.31 pm
Maghreb	4.51
Isha	6.12

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran
9.15 Dabdoob Al Musiqar: Cartoon serial
9.45 Al Jawharah: Part 5 of children's serial, featuring Ibrahim Sallal, Abdul Aziz Al Nimish and Jawhar Salem
10.15 Tum Tek and Children
10.30 Man Friday: English feature film
12.00 Al Zankalooni: Arabic serial
1.00 News
1.40 Fawazir Al Munasabat
2.00 Sports in a Week: a weekly programme focussing on local and world sports.
4.45 Ra'ad Al Amlaq: Cartoons
5.15 Liqa Al Khamis: variety show
5.30 From People's Art
7.00 News Summary
7.30 Alwan: prepared by Mohammad Saeed Faris.
8.00 Show Jumping: local equestrian events
8.30 Ma'a Al Islam: prepared and presented by Dr. Khalid Al Madhkour
9.00 News in Arabic
10.00 Arabic Feature Film: "Laila Fi Shahar 7." Starring: Ezzat Alaili, Merwat Ameen, Hussein Al Sharbini, Ahmad Rateb
11.45 Thursday Late Night Variety Show
12.45 Akhtarmalakum: We

Present ...
1.15 News Summary
1.20 World Today via Satellite/ Holy Quran/Closedown

FRIDAY
9.00 Holy Quran
9.15 Ifrah Ya Simsim: Arabic version of Sesame Street
9.45 Children's Magazine
10.15 Fayezi Al Tush: Arabic serial, featuring Ghanem Slaiti, Abdul Aziz Jassim.
11.00 Ibtihal: Deeni: religious programme
11.15 Friday Prayer
12.30 Min Hayat Al Shaoub: From People's Lives
1.00 News
1.05 World Today via Satellite
1.30 Istaraba
2.00 We and Our Friends
2.15 Hadith Deeni: religious talk
3.15 Cultural Film
4.00 Nujum Al Usbooh: Star of the Week is actress Sherihan
4.45 Ghawi Al Mashakil: Arabic serial, featuring Khalil Shawkil, Sana Abdul Rahman, Fawzi Mahdi
6.00 Kuwait in a Week
7.00 News Summary
7.15 KTV 1 Programme Preview
8.00 Al Usrah.
8.45 Hadith Al Usbooh: religious talk
9.00 News
10.00 Wrestling
10.45 Min Alf Ila Iliya. variety show, prepared and presented by Tariq Habib
11.45 News Summary

11.50 World Today via satellite

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Mask: Cartoons
6.30 Sesame Street: a programme for young viewers
7.30 Mac and Mutley
8.00 News in English
8.40 The Highwayman.
9.30 The Cosby Show: Comedy
10.00 Spectacular Sports, Bloopers and Fabulous Fools
10.30 Late Night Movie: "Eight is Enough."
12.00 News in Brief
12.10 Magazine D' Actualite/ Closedown

FRIDAY

4.00 Holy Quran
4.10 Silver Hawk: cartoons
4.30 Italian Football
5.30 Walt Disney Film: "Leflovers."
7.00 Star Trek
8.00 News in English
8.30 Breaking Away
8.40 Big League Soccer: Brian Moore presents highlights of English League football
9.50 Weekend: fourth season of the local English language programme begins this week. Coordinated by Adeeb Shuaiber
10.30 Diamonds: "Good Hands."
11.30 News in Brief
11.40 Magazine Actualite/ Closedown

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CINEMA TODAY

Al Fahheel Padeshi (Bengali)
Al Andalus Police Academy V
Starring: Bubba Smith, Janet Smith
Al Salmiya Al Tahaddi (Arabic)
Starring: Nabila Obaid, Farouk Fishawi, Farid Shawki
Al Hamra Ighitil Madrasah (Arabic)
Starring: Nabila Obaid, Hisham Salim, Sabirin
Drive-In Malaf Samiya Sharawi (Arabic)
Starring: Nadiya Al Jundi, Farouk Fishawi, Kamal Shinnawi
Al Jahra Ana Wal Azaab Wa Huak (Arabic)
Fahheel Open-Air Kabzaa (Hindi)

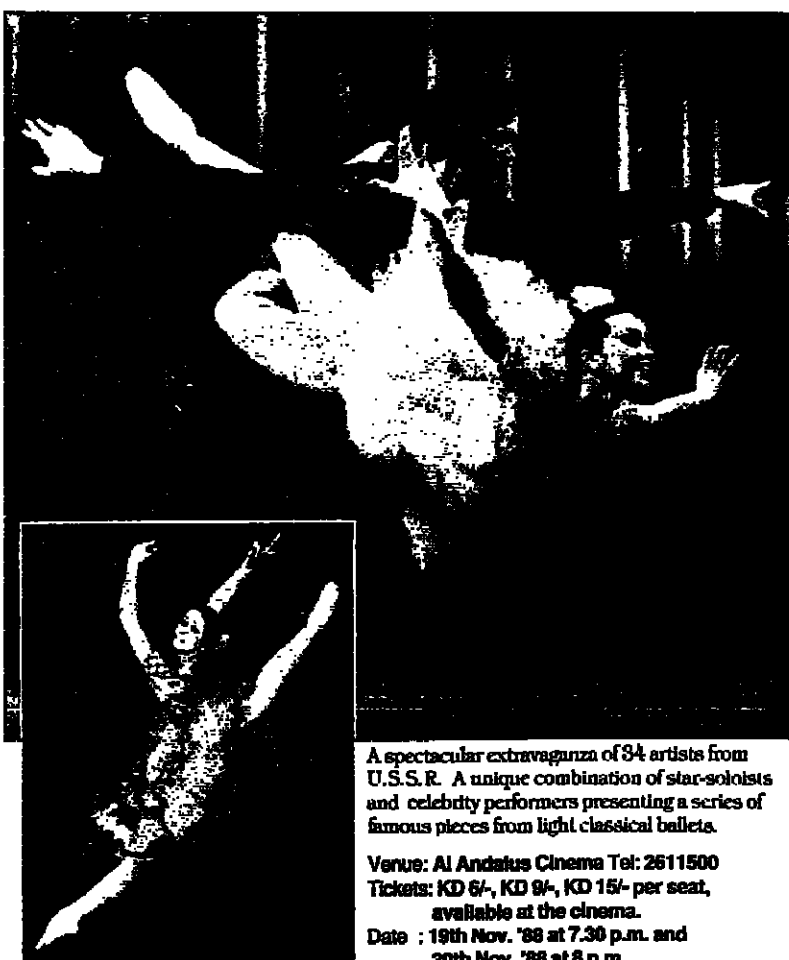
Al Firdous Sone Pe Suhaga (Hindi)
Starring: Dharmendra, Sridevi
Granada Raiders of Paradise
Sulaibikhat Kakkothi Kavilae Appoopanthadikal (Malayalam)
Al Jaleeb Aazoo (Hindi)
Ahmadi Drive-In Kul Hada Al Hub (Arabic)
FRIDAY Al Jahra Police Academy V
Granada Qayamat Sa Qayamat Tak (Hindi)
Sulaibikhat Raising Arizona
Al Jleeb Mashuka (Hindi)

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait Dubai Pharmacy
Souk Wagef, Algiers St.
Al Sharg Al Jedid Pharmacy
Opp. Science Museum, Safat Market
Hawalli and Nugra Al Shamsan Pharmacy
Ibn Khaldoun St.
Salmiya and Rumsithiya Al Markiziya Pharmacy
Asfor Bldg., Omar Bin Al Aas St.
Fahheel and Ahmadi Al Imaan Pharmacy
Makkah St., F'heel
Old Khalisa Al Ahram Pharmacy
Block 2
Jahra Al Khalid Pharmacy
Opp. Cooperative Society

FRIDAY Kuwait Al Sharkia Pharmacy
Opp. Mawasalat, Hilali St.
Al Muntaz Pharmacy
Salem Al Mubarak St.
Hawalli and Nugra Al Saadah Pharmacy
Othman St.
Salmiya and Rumsithiya Randa Pharmacy
Salem Al Mubarak St.
Fahheel and Ahmadi Al Wafa Pharmacy
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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Feldstein sticks to view dollar must fall

NEW YORK, Nov 16, (Agencies): Harvard economist Martin Feldstein, sometimes adviser to president-elect George Bush, yesterday stood by his prediction that market forces would drive the dollar down by at least 20 percent in the next three years.

"I've been saying that and I'm more than happy to say it again," Feldstein told Reuters of his belief that the dollar should fall by 20-30 per cent as a first step towards battling the bloated US trade and budget deficits.

Feldstein, a former chairman of President Reagan's Council of Economic Advisers, served as an adviser to Vice President Bush during his campaign for the presidency, but his recent comments about the dollar have been dismissed by administration officials.

Criticised

Earlier yesterday, Federal Reserve Board Governor Wayne Angell criticised as "somewhat irresponsible" Feldstein's remarks in a Washington speech last Wednesday advocating his view the dollar should fall to about 100 yen to the dollar.

Feldstein, elaborating on that speech, said "There is a clarification... I am not saying that any action should be taken to bring the dollar down, but that the market is going to drive it down."

Angell said earlier that the dollar had been trading at an "appropriate range" for some time and that a steep drop in the dollar would ignite inflation and was not needed to close the US trade gap.

Bush aides have also stressed that Feldstein was not speaking for the president-elect. Bush himself said in Florida on Monday that he was committed to the current administration's policy of seeking dollar stability.

UK trade team for Kuwait

SEVENTEEN companies are to visit Kuwait on a trade mission, organised by Britain's Thames-Chiltern Chamber of Commerce and Industry from Nov 18 to 21.

David Tunks, manager of the Chamber's International Trade Services will lead the team. He has previously organised more than ten missions to various parts of the world and is no stranger to Kuwait.

The team will introduce a wide range of products and services. In the engineering field there are manufacturers of piston, gland and wiper seals, diesel engine generator sets, hand and machine tools, wood and metal working machinery and spare parts and accessories for concrete pumping.

Companies concerned with the food industry will offer food products and ingredients and food processing machinery, fortified milk powder and equipment for hotels and catering. One company will sell software for computer-based bulk distribution systems.

Solid brass architectural and bathroom fittings will be available from one company, while others specialise in soft furnishings, interior design and decoration: woven glass fabrics; textile-based defence products; fitness training and gymnasium equipment; pharmaceuticals; gemstones and equipment and materials for mounting laminating photographs.

Security printing services for postage stamps, passports and the like will be represented. Some of the companies are new to the Kuwait market and are looking for agents to represent them.

US sponsors investors meeting

WASHINGTON, Nov 16, (AP): The US Agency for International Development (AID) yesterday sponsored a meeting between officials of the Yemen Arab Republic and potential US investors.

It was an attempt both to help the country — also known as North Yemen — and American companies which may find opportunities to invest there.

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Baghdad seeks foreign investment

Iraq rolls back controls on economy

BAGHDAD, Nov 16, (Reuters): After eight years of war, Iraq is moving to turn swords into ploughshares by privatising much of the state-run economy and attracting foreign investment for peacetime reconstruction.

Much has already been done to expand the private sector, diplomats say. The process began last year, when Iraq was still fighting revolutionary Iran.

More than 50 state enterprises and parcels of government land have so far been offered for sale to the private sector and 37 of them have been sold, officials said.

"Most of them were state farms or food processing plants, with some light industry," said a

foreign economist.

Import controls have also been relaxed, and the ceiling on prices of many consumer goods lifted.

"The variety and quality of food appearing in shops has improved enormously," said a diplomat, "but it does mean that prices have gone up sharply in many cases."

The aim was to encourage farmers to step up production and give them sufficient incentive to bring their crops to city markets.

Starting next year, factory owners will no longer have to pay hefty labour and social security taxes.

Subsidies on basic commodities — including bread, rice, milk and sugar — have been kept in what diplomats said was a

deliberate move to avert any public unrest, such as the violence sparked off in Algeria last month by price rises.

State monopolies have also been broken up in some sectors. In housing there are now two government-run agencies and one private organisation competing for orders.

Potential Foreign analysts said Iraq had enormous potential. It had the second largest oil reserves in the world, plentiful water, a sound agricultural base and a substantial population, estimated at about 17 million.

More than 2,000 foreign firms are taking part in Baghdad's 25th trade fair — a sign of foreign interest in taking a share of that wealth.

Diplomats estimated Iraq's total foreign debt at \$60 billion, about half of it in Arab credit.

The economic attaché said he thought repayments and interest would cost Iraq about \$2 billion a year.

"They still want to borrow more," he said.

He believed imports of foreign consumer items cost Iraq an annual \$4 billion, while maintaining and re-equipping the armed forces in case of renewed conflict could absorb several billion more each year.

Reserves

"Official data is not available, so it's largely guesswork. But even with oil revenue Iraq is not going to have much left over for reconstruction and development

in the short term," he added. Iraq has said it has reserves of 100 billion barrels of oil.

Diplomats say Iraq exports about 2.3 million barrels a day, and at a current price of about \$12 a barrel, annual revenue was probably less than 10 billion.

Priority will be given to rebuilding Basra, Iraq's only port at the northern end of the Gulf, and to a new refinery and petrochemical complex south of Baghdad.

Is there an economic miracle in the offing?

"I don't think we can talk about miracles in Iraq unless liberal economics are matched by political flexibility at home," said one Asian diplomat.

"There is a glimmer of change, but Hussein is very cautious."

Bid to reduce US reliance on foreign oil

API to seek Bush help to develop national energy policy

NEW YORK, Nov 16, (UPI): The American Petroleum Institute said today it would appeal directly to president-elect George Bush and Congress to develop a national energy policy to reduce US reliance on foreign oil.

Charles Dibona, president of the oil industry trade group, said US dependence on imported oil, which now accounts for more than 40 per cent of domestic consumption, will "almost certainly" surpass the 1977 high of 48 per cent and could top 60 per cent.

The United States is the world's second-largest oil producer after the Soviet Union, but domestic oil output has declined dramatically since the 1986 world oil price collapse.

Dibona said the API would press its agenda with the new administration, Congress and the public.

Supplies

"It's true that in a period of glut, with ample supplies, people don't generally worry," he said.

But that view is a short one, Dibona said. Oil industry leaders hope Congress and the incoming administration will put

a higher priority on US energy security.

"The president-elect is an oil man and I think he understands this issue," the API president said.

"But it isn't something that's going to be solved by the president alone. Congress has much to do with this," Dibona said, citing the issues of Alaskan oil production, decontrol of natural gas and environmental policy.

The API, in a research paper released at its two-day annual meeting in a Manhattan Hotel, asserted that policy decisions could boost the nation's domestic oil supply by two million barrels a day by the end of the 1990s.

Prices

The paper argued that slumping oil prices that have resulted from plentiful crude supplies in this decade have made most Americans, including the federal government, indifferent to energy security.

"The truth is that the state of the nation's energy health today is perceived as 'good' only because enough inexpensive foreign oil is available," the

paper says. "Our condition could turn to 'poor' or 'critical' if that supply were disrupted — depending on the degree of vulnerability, the length of the disruption and the availability of alternative supplies," it went on.

The paper notes that US oil consumption has risen by more than 1 million barrels a day since 1986, while domestic oil production has fallen by a similar amount in the same period.

Meanwhile, the drop in world oil prices has resulted in a slow down in efforts to promote conservation and develop alternative energy sources.

"These trends have combined to rapidly increase US oil import dependence," the API said in a statement accompanying the paper.

It said oil imports have risen to seven million barrels a day from five million in 1986.

"As a result, dependence on foreign oil is at its highest level in eight years," it said, while the number of active drilling rigs has fallen to 921 from 4,000 in 1981.

The paper urges the Bush administration to work with Congress "to ensure an adequate and secure supply of energy at

reasonable prices while reducing vulnerability to a future oil crisis."

The paper acknowledges the importance of conservation and alternative energy sources.

"But oil and natural gas will continue to be the mainstays of US energy throughout... the 1990s and the first decades of the next century."

Competitive

It calls for alterations in federal regulations "to allow efficient, competitive production and transportation of oil."

The paper calls for the government to:

— consider all policy options that would lead to increased investment in the energy industry. "No option should be ruled out."

— continue filling the strategic petroleum reserve.

Encourage use of all domestic energy sources without "mandating specific fuels or blends."

Emphasise conservation while balancing environmental protection with energy production and use.

SBI to conduct seminar on NRI bonds

REPRESENTATIVES from the State Bank of India (SBI) will conduct a seminar on NRI bonds at 6 pm Friday at the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel.

Non-resident Indians looking for investment opportunities in India have found the answer in NRI bonds.

The bonds offer complete security and attractive returns which are free from tax liabilities.

Offer

This historic offer to non-resident Indians is open for only four weeks. The issue opened on Monday. Considering the overwhelming response the offer received on the opening day, a delegation from SBI is visiting Kuwait today.

K. Govindan, general manager of overseas operations from the State Bank of India is leading the delegation.

H.P. Ranina, a well-known tax consultant from India, will help Govindan explain the bonds. N.N. Jha, Indian ambassador to Kuwait will preside over the seminar.

Amoco to search for oil in Soviet Union

CHICAGO, Nov 16, (AP): Amoco Corp. is trying to become the first foreign company to receive permission to search for oil in the Soviet Union, its chairman said.

The Chicago-based company made its initial contact with the Soviet Union in September, when a group of Amoco officials went to Moscow, chairman Richard Morrow said.

Negotiations about a joint venture to explore for oil and natural gas in the Soviet Union are continuing at a "technical level," he said.

Remarks

But "nothing is imminent," he added.

Morrow, chairman of the American Petroleum Institute, made his remarks in New York where he was attending the group's annual convention.

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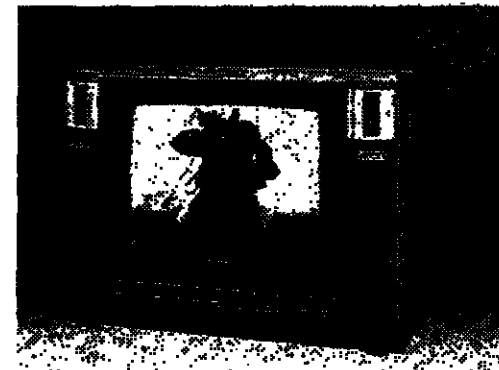
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•Dynamic full range 2-way 4-speaker system for unsurpassed performance •Auto-scanning 20-channel memory selection •Quick-start, in-line gun picture tube •Wireless infrared remote control •Auto output: 20 watt (maximum) •Power requirements: AC 100V-240V •Dimensions: 676(W) x 662(H) x 492(D) mm

84.900
61.800



CW-511KQ

20" Portable Color TV
•Quick-start, in-line gun picture tube with slotted mask and black matrix •Automatic fine tuning •Advanced 100% solid state circuitry •Lighted channel indicator •Detachable twin telescopic antenna •Elegant wooden cabinet •Power requirements: AC 100V-240V •Dimensions: 610(W) x 425(H) x 455(D) mm

65.250
45.400



CW-341LQ

16" Portable Color TV
•Quick-start, in-line gun picture tube with slotted mask and black matrix •Automatic fine tuning •Advanced 100% solid state circuitry •Detachable twin telescopic antenna •Attractive silver metallic cabinet •Power requirements: AC 100V-240V •Dimensions: 452(W) x 381(H) x 396(D) mm

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مكتبة النور

EN	13/7	13/5
IR	43/3	43/3
E	41/4	41/6
P	16/2	16/0

WICK DOWD	22/0	24/6	SHRSH TUTT	20/2	20/2
WELL ENG EL	0	15/1	SHELL TRAH	71/5	70/6
WELL PELL CO	27/5	27/1	SHER PLOU	53/2	53/2
WELMONT MI	34/7	35/0	SMITH INT	7/7	7/7
WENHART GLD	34/6	34/1	SMITHK BEC	42/6	42/4
W1 MORG-10	0	60/7	SNAP ON TL	35/3	35/3
W1 MORG-72	0	75/0	SOURCE CAP	37/0	36/7
WIDOLET IN	9/2	9/4	SOUTHERN	21/6	21/6
WIGOR INC	31/0	31/0	SPAIN FUND	10/5	10/6
WIL INDS	5/6	5/6	SPERRY	10/6	10/6
WILSON AFF	12/2	12/2	SQUARE D	45/7	45/6
WIND RESOU	8/5	8/4	SQUIBB		
WINTHROP	33/1	33/1	STONE CONT	30/0	29/7
WORTH	45/3	45/3	SUN CO	30/4	30/3
WORTH TND	38/7	38/7	SUNSTRAND	0	50/2
WUCOR CORP	42/2	42/4	SUNSH WIN	3/5	3/5
OAK INDS	14	15	SUPER VAL	22/6	22/6
OCC PETROK	26/0	26/0	SOUTHWEST	18/2	18/3
OCEAN DRIL	14/5	14/5	SN GAS	20/0	20/0
ODGEN CORP	27/5	27/4	SUN BELL	40/0	40/0
OH ED CO	18/5	18/4	TANDY CORP	42/4	42/4
OHIO MATT	13/0	13/0	TDK	65/6	63/2
OLIN CORP	47/3	47/4	TECHNO ENX	20/4	20/2
OMNICARE	0	8/0	TELECOMM	32/5	326/1
ORION PICT	13/7	14/0	TELETYPE	0	49/0
PALINE WEE	16/0	16/1	TELEX CORP	0	12/1
PAN AM	2/5	2/4	TERADYNE	0	11/2
PANHANDLE	25/0	25/0	TESORO PET	11/1	11/2
PARK ELECT	15/3	15/2	TEX AMER B	*14	*14
PARKER DR	4/0	4/1	TEX EAS TR	26/6	26/6
PARKER HAN	27/2	27/3	TEXACO	46/6	47/0
PATRICK PET	0	0	TEXAS IND	30/0	29/7
PAULSON CO	0	0	TEXAS INST	36/1	36/1
PC INDG-96	0	89/2	TEKTRON	23/6	25/4
PEGASUS	13/1	13/5	THOMPS MED	0	22/3
PENIN CENTR	22/6	22/5	TIDewater	0	6/5
PENNAULT	79/4	79/6	TIGER INT	12/4	12/3
PENNZOIL	71/7	72/0	TIMKEN	28/6	28/6
PEOPLES EN	20/1	20/1	TORCHMARK	30/2	30/4
PEPSICO	40/0	40/2	TOSCO	3/1	3/1
PFIZER	54/7	54/7	TOYS R US	36/2	36/0
PHILIPS DOD	45/0	44/7	TRANSCAM	32/2	31/7
PHILIP MOR	92/2	92/1	TRANSCO EN	31/4	31/4
PHILLIPS PE	18/6	18/5	TRANSCO EX	5/4	5/5
PILLSBURY	58/0	58/2	TRAVELLERS	34/5	34/4
PINNACLE W	15/5	15/5	TRINITY INT	28/5	28/5
PITN-BOMES	41/7	41/6	TU CORP	23/4	23/4
PITTSOIN	15/7	15/7	TYCO LABS	34/1	34/1
POLAROID	36/1	36/0	UNITED CAR	97/1	97/3
PORTELAND GE	22/0	22/0	UTD BRAND	15/3	15/3
PORTELAND GP	17/6	17/6	UTO TECH	39/2	38/7
PRIME INNS	31/2	31/1	UNILEVER	57/2	57/5
PRIMERICA	27/5	27/5	UNION CAMP	32/2	32/1
PROCT-GAM	81/0	80/1	UNION CARB	26/0	27/0
PUCET SP-L	18/7	18/6	UP-SHOC	23/6	23/7
PULTE HOME	9/2	9/2	USX-CP	27/1	27/2
QUAKER OAT	51/2	51/1	US WEST	56/1	56/0
QUAKER COR	17/1	17/0	US AIR CP	34/6	34/7
QUANTUM CH	95/3	95/2	VALERO EN	0	7/3
RALPHS PURIN	77/0	76/5	VALLEY IND	2/1	2/1
RAMADA INN	9/0	9/0	VARCO INTL	2/6	2/6

er). The stock market generally was lower but trading volume showed small losses. US bond prices fell at first on a wide gap in line with forecasts, then gained, leading brokers said.

About three points at 2074 and declining issues were gainers.

To 86-3/4. Forstmann Little said the group it headed, Reiston Purina, Castle and Cooke and Goldsmith submit a proposal to acquire R.J.R. Nabisco.

The Dow 30 was off about three points at 2074 and declining issues moderately outnumbered gainers.

R.J.R. Nabisco fell 1-3/4 to 86-3/4. Forstmann Little said the group it headed, including Procter and Gamble, Ralston Purina, Castle and Cooke and Goldman Sachs decided not to submit a proposal to acquire R.J.R. Nabisco.

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International Bond Highlights

PARIS — France's public works finance body is launching a one billion franc domestic bond, said Credit Lyonnais, lead manager for three of the issue's four tranches. (RTUP 1849)

London — Nestlé Holdings Inc of the US is issuing a 250 mln ECU Eurobond due December 14, 1991 paying 7-3/8 pct and priced at 101-3/8 pct, lead manager Bankers Trust International Ltd said. This confirms an earlier report by bond market sources. (RTTT 0944)

Paris — French stores Group au Printemps SA is launching a 500 mln franc seven year domestic bond priced at par, lead manager Credit Lyonnais said. (RTVE 1652)

London — Union Bank of Finland is issuing a 150 mln dir Eurobond due Dec 16, 1992, paying 9-1/2 pct and priced at 101-1/2, lead manager Nomura International Ltd said. (RTVI 1701)

Helsinki — The Nordic Investment Bank (NIB) said it was issuing a 400 mln markka, five-year, 9-5/8 pct bullet Eurobond at 100-1/2 pct. (RTUE 1024)

Zurich — The mortgage institute of the Swiss Cantonal banks, Pfandbriefzentrale der Schweizerischen Kantonalbanken, is launching a 130 mln Swiss franc 4-1/2 pct 12 year bond priced at 99-1/2 pct, lead manager Zurich Cantonal Bank said. (RTZL 1517)

Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN 11-1/2 1/4	11-7/8 3/4	12-3/16 1/8
FT 4.50/60	4.65/75	4.85/95
PAR 7-3/4 7/8	7-7/8 8	8-1/16 3/16
ZUR 3-5/8 3-7/8	3-3/4 4	3-7/8 4-1/8
BRX 5.65	7-1/8 3/16	7-3/16 3/16
ROM 10-1/2 11	11-5/8 12-1/4	11-1/2 12
AMS 4.75/50	5.25/28	5.27/37
TOK 5625 6250	4.0625 1250	4.3125 3750
ECU 7.25 7.50	7.43 7.56	7.56 7.68

Interest Rates

Following are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait today.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	6-3/4	7-1/4
3 months	6-3/4	7-1/4
6 months	6-5/8	7-1/8
1 year	6-9/16	7-1/16

BOMBAY

PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	96	98	101	HICO	639.50	630	640
ACC	386.50	385	378	GRASIM	58.25	58	58	MUKAND	117	118
ASIA PAINT	220	217.50	222.50	GSFC	87.50	90	91.25	NOCIL	950	965
BAJAJ AUTO	377.50	375	380	IND LEVER	83	83.50	83	PEICO	33	31
BAR. RAYON	---	365	365	HINDALCO	125	127	127	PFIZER	82	85
BOM. DYING	136	135	133.50	HINDOCOCOA	117.50	113.75	118.75	PRE. AUTO	55	55
BR. BOND	113	110	112.50	INDORG	31	31	31	RAYMOND	65	64
CSE INDEX	709.03	705.86	705.86	IND ORG	44	44	44	RELIANCE	174.50	174
CENTURYSPG	1465	1475	1470	INDRAYON	85.50	87	85.50	SIEMENS	110	109
COLGATE	520	520	520	INDROL	265	272.50	275	SPIC	59	58.50
DEEPAKERT	46.50	46	46.75	ITC	51	47	49	STOMILLS	340	340
EL. HOTEL	55	52.50	55	JYSKYNH	85	85	85	TATA PWR	345	345
ESKAYEF	145	145	151.25	L AND T	130	129	129	TATACHEM	108.50	110
ESSAR	29.50	29.50	29.75	MAHINDRA	118	118	121	TELCO	740	745
GAR. POLY	115	113.75	117.50	MASTERSHR	19	19	19.25	TISCO	1057	1066
GE. SHIP	43.50	43	44	MATHER PL	70	---	---	VOLTA	590	540

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STOCK	LAST PR.	CLOSE
AG	188.5	188.5
ALLIANZ VR	172.50	170.50
BAI	185.0	184.0
BAI	210.0	209.7
BAI	289.0	289.4
BAYER AG	363.0	363.0
BAYER VER	324.0	324.5
BHF	404.0	402.0
BMW	519.0	523.0
COMMERZB	236.0	237.0
CONTI GUM	264.5	258.8
DATHEM BEN	738.0	741.5
DEUTSCH B	510.5	512.0
DLW	390.0	390.0
DZ BANK	295.0	295.5
FZ INDEX	152.0	157.8
FELDMERLE	271.5	271.0
HOLZMANN	328.0	328.0
KARPENK	398.0	398.0
KOEPF AG	292.9	291.3
HOESCH	166.0	165.5
HORTEN	216.0	215.0
HUSSEL HLD	448.0	449.0
KALI SALZ	145.5	145.0
KARSTADT	414.5	416.0
KAUFHOFF	392.5	395.0
KLOECK H	133.0	132.5
KLOECK W	0	99.80
LIHNE	699.0	696.0
LUFTHANSA	146.0	145.5
METRO	212.8	214.0
MANNESMAN	182.5	182.8
MERCEDES	606.0	610.0
METALLURG	329.0	323.0
NIXDORF PF	390.5	406.0
NORSK HYD	26.50	26.50
PHILIP KOP	613.0	612.0
PORSCE	564.0	565.0
PREUSSAG	167.0	167.0
PWA	226.5	226.8
RHEINMETAL	365.0	363.0
RUE	239.2	238.5
RUE P	215.5	214.0
SALAMANDER	292.0	291.0
SCHERING	570.0	570.2
SEL	266.0	266.5
STEMENS	470.0	473.0
THYSEN	177.0	172.5
VARTA	316.0	314.0
VEBA	258.0	260.0
VEW	159.5	159.4
VOLKSWAGEN	308.5	308.5

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST PR.	CLOSE
C H TUNNEL	15.20	15.20
CHUNG K	7.25	7.25
CHINA GAS	16.60	16.60
CHINA L-P	16.90	16.80
CHINA MTR	23.50	23.10
COSMO PROP	3.60	3.60
EVERGOLD IND	1.84	1.82
FAR EAST C	0.68	0.69
GEN ORIENT	0	44.00
H C DEVELOP	8.90	8.90
H S INDEX	566.88	568.58
HANG LUNG	5.25	5.30
HANG SENG	27.20	27.20
HAW PAR BR	9.00	9.00
HK ELEC CO	6.90	6.90
HK KONG CO	7.90	7.90
HK LAM CO	8.40	8.35
HK SHAN BK	6.15	6.20
HK SHAN HT	5.55	5.60
HK TELE CO	5.05	5.15
HUTCH WHAM	8.25	8.25
IND EQ PAC	10.80	10.70
JARDINE H	14.00	13.90
KOOLHON H	8.60	8.50
KEW WORLD	11.70	11.80
KUL Y CON	2.45	2.45
REALTY DEV	6.95	6.95
H K CO	1.91	1.92
H K PROP	11.20	11.10
IME DARY	2.32	2.32
TELUNG HFG	2.60	2.62
WIRE PAC	18.00	17.60
V B CO	9.30	9.30
AI CHUNG	3.77	3.80
NIOW BANK	1.53	1.53
LOCK HARD	0	7.25
LOCK MARI	0	1.15
ORLD INTL	3.80	3.75

TOKYO

STOCK	LAST PR.	CLOSE
ALLIANCE	2950	2900
AKAI ELEC	560	546
AKAI	1030	1010
ASAHI GLS	1950	1940
ASAHI OPT	641	621
BANK TOKYO	1590	1590
BRIDGESTON	1320	1320
CANON	1290	1250
CASIO CORP	1260	1240
CHUGAI PHM	1430	1420
CITIZEN W	813	781
D-ICI KAN	3160	3230
DAI NIP IK	903	913
DAI NIP PT	2610	2610
DAI NIP SC	900	890
DAI NIP TO	1140	1050
DAI NIP TO	761	750
DAI NIP TO	1920	1920
DAI NIP TO	2380	2410
DAI NIP TO	1070	1080
DAI NIP TO	1940	1920
FUJITSU	1470	1410
FUJI BANK	3300	3280
FUJI PHOTO	3160	3030
FUJISAMA	1600	1540
FUJITA CP	790	799
HITACHI	1520	1450
HONDA MOT	1880	1850
ISETAN	2180	2180
ITO YOKADO	4020	4090
JAP SWM RU	962	955
JAPAN AIR	15400	15500
JAPAN NET	721	715
KAJIMA	1740	1730
KANSAI EL	3930	3960
KAO SOAP	1710	1730
KAWASAKI H	818	818
KAWASAKI S	1090	1120
KIRIN BREW	1920	1900
KONATSU	880	890
KUBOTA LTD	922	940
KYOCERA	4660	4590
MAKITA EL	1350	1350
MARUI	2840	2900
MATSUTA EI	2290	2210
MATSUTA EL	0	2660
MEIJI SEIK	950	936
MITSUBI CP	1350	1340
MITSUBI EL	952	940
MITSUBI EST	2820	2750
MITSUBI HWY	995	1010
MITSUBI CO	936	945
MITSUBISHI	2070	2070
MITSUBI EL	940	935
NICHICHI	1130	1100
NIHON ONIT	970	948
NIKKO SEC	1700	1750
NIP ELEC	1860	1800
NIP KOKKAN	909	910
NIP OIL	1520	1510
NIP STEEL	914	909
NIP YUSEN	890	904
NIS MOTOR	1250	1250
NOBURA SEC	3740	3790
OHBA CO	825	810
OLYMPIUS	991	996
PENTA OCM	1008	1008
PIONEER	2920	2860
RENOVA	869	890
RICHMOND	1080	1060
SANKYO	1900	1860
SANYO ELEC	694	670
SEIYU ST	2000	1950
SEKISUI PS	1900	1850
SHARP	997	985
SHISEIDO	1620	1610
SONY	5980	5820
SUNITON	1200	1210
TAISEI	1190	1200
TAISHO WHN	1360	1380
TAKEDA CH	2400	2360
TEIJIN	776	753
TOKI NEW IX	234.98	234.15
TOKIO MNR	2250	2270
TOKYO ELEC	984	965
TOKYO GAS	1500	1520
TOKYO PWR	6860	6950
TORAY IND	860	840
TOSHIBA EL	1020	990
TOTO	1990	1950
TOYO KOGY	740	739
TOYOTA MOT	2410	2320
YAMAHA	1160	1110
YAMATCHI	1770	1800
YAMAMOTO	3850	3800
YAMAZAKI	1470	1450

Tokyo Stock Market Report

TOKYO STOCKS AT RECORD HIGH CLOSE FOR FOURTH DAY
TOKYO, NOV 16, REUTER - SHARE PRICES ROSE TO A RECORD CLOSING HIGH FOR THE FOURTH DAY IN A ROW, BOOSTED BY HEAVY BUYING IN BLUE CHIPS, BROKERS SAID.

"IT'S A VERY POSITIVE MOOD. WITH THE MARKET TRADING IN A NARROW RANGE FOR THE PAST SIX MONTHS, INVESTORS WERE INHIBITED BY A NUMBER OF FACTORS. THE U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS AND THE REPUBLICANS WINNING WAS PROBABLY ONE MAJOR HURDLE REMOVED," SAID SATSUKI OBA, A BROKER AT BARCLAYS DE ZOETE WEDD SECURITIES (JAPAN) LTD.

THE INDEX ROSE 166.71 POINTS, OR 0.58 PCT, TO A NEW CLOSING HIGH OF 28,996.12.

IT CLOSED UP 308.51 POINTS AT ITS PREVIOUS CLOSING HIGH OF 28,687.61 ON TUESDAY.

THE NIKKEI HIT A NEW RECORD TRADING HIGH OF 29,013.38 IN EARLY TRADE, SHAPPING TUESDAY'S RECORD 28,854.43.

BROKERS SAID IT IS STILL TOO EARLY FOR THE INDEX TO SAIL ABOVE 29,000. INSTEAD, IT WILL LIKELY CONTINUE GRADUALLY UPWARDS TO 30,000 BY THE END OF YEAR.

THE BROADER FIRST SECTION INDEX, OR TOPIX, FIRMED 0.83 POINT TO 2,234.98 AFTER A 14.46-POINT GAIN ON TUESDAY. IT IS STILL BELOW THE AUGUST 2 RECORD CLOSE OF 2,253.10.

HIGH TECH SHARES HAVE A HEAVIER WEIGHTING IN THE NIKKEI. RISES LED FALLS BY 1.5 TO ONE.

THE BIGGEST WINNERS WERE ELECTRICAL, PHARMACEUTICAL, AUTO, PRECISION INSTRUMENT, GLASS/CEMENT, TRADING HOUSE, ROLLING STOCK, MACHINERY, CHEMICAL AND SOME MANUFACTURING ISSUES.

DECLINES WERE LED BY BANK, SECURITIES HOUSE, GAS, AIRLINE, CREDIT/LEASE, RAILWAY/BUS, SHIPBUILDING, MINING, RUBBER AND ELECTRIC POWER SHARES.

TURNOVER WAS MODERATE AT 1.2 BILLION SHARES AGAINST 1.1 BILLION ON TUESDAY.

"THE TRADE FIGURES ARE COMING OUT AND EVERYONE IS KEEPING FAIRLY QUIET," SAID BARCLAY'S OBA.

Hong Kong Market Report

HONG KONG, NOV 16, REUTER - SHARE PRICES CLOSED LITTLE CHANGED AFTER A DAY OF RANGE TRADING FOCUSING ON A FEW SECOND AND THIRD-LINE STOCKS, BROKERS SAID.

THE HANG SENG INDEX ENDED 1.7 POINTS LOWER AT 2,566.88.

THE BROADER-BASED HONG KONG INDEX LOST 0.01 POINT TO 1,692.48.

TURNOVER ROSE TO 775.05 MLN H.K. DLSRS FROM TUESDAY'S 683.02 MLN.

"INVESTORS WERE CAUTIOUS," A BROKER SAID. "THE SEPTEMBER U.S. TRADE FIGURES SHOULD BE A NON-EVENT FOR LOCAL EQUITIES, EXCEPT IF THEY TRIGGER A CHANGE IN U.S. INTEREST RATES."

THE FIGURES ARE DUE OUT AT 1330 GMT TODAY.

AMMAN

OPNG	CLSG
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	0.57 0.56
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	0.50 0.50
ARAB BANK	0.50 0.50
ARAB CHEMICAL DTR	3.81 3.80
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	3.70 3.75
ARAB INSURANCE	4.25 4.40
ARAB INT. INV/TRADE	1.09 1.08
ARAB INT. UNION INS	0.98 0.98
ARAB INTER-HOTELS	0.98 1.03
ARAB JOR/INVEST/BK	0.58 0.58
ARAB PAPER CO/TRA	0.36 0.36
ARAB PHARMA/MANF.	0.76 0.75
ARAB PHARMA/CHEM	0.76 0.75
ARAB POTASH CO.	1.65 1.65
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.00 0.95
BANK OF JORDAN	29.00 29.00
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.05 1.25
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	0.75 0.75
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	0.13 0.13
DAR AL SHAAR PRESS	0.86 0.86
DAR ALSHAAR DV/INV.	0.64 0.64
DARDO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.79 0.80
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	1.26 1.29
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	14.75 15.25
GENERAL INSURANCE	25.01 25.05
GENERAL INVESTMENT	0.75 0.75
GENERAL MINING.	0.75 0.75
GENERAL MINERALS	0.75 0.75
HOLY LAND INS.	0.75 0.75
IND. MATCH JENCO	0.75 0.75
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOP	0.13 0.13
INDUSTRIAL/COM/AGR.	0.13 0.13
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.13 0.13
INTERN.COM/INV	0.13 0.13
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.86 0.86
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64 0.64
INTERMED/PETRI/CH	0.79 0.80
J.TOUR-SP COMPLEX	1.26 1.29
JERUSALEM INS.	14.75 15.25
JO TABACCO/CIGARET	25.01 25.05
JOR CEMENT FACTOR	0.75 0.75
JOR ELEC INS.	0.75 0.75
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	0.75 0.75
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	0.75 0.75
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	0.75 0.75

Gabonese president proposes oil summit meeting

LIBREVILLE, Nov 16, (Reuters): Gabonese President Omar Bongo has proposed a summit of Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to bolster unity, an official government source said today.

Bongo made the proposal in talks yesterday with OPEC Secretary-General Subroto of Indonesia who was on a 24-hour visit to Gabon.

Subroto said he appreciated Bongo's suggestion and called on OPEC members to adhere to production "discipline", the source said.

Subroto also was assured of the support of Gabon, one of the members of the 13-nation organisation, at this week's OPEC oil ministers meeting in Vienna, the source said.

Contacts

At a news conference, Subroto said he has been holding bilateral meetings with OPEC member states and has been increasing contacts with non-members with a view to obtaining "a solution that is fair for all".

"What we want to do is to avoid the continued fall in prices and then to address production problems," he said.

He said one way to arrest the decline in prices was to reach agreement on temporary production levels.

Saddam Hussein gets oil message from Suharto

BAGHDAD, Nov 16, (Reuters): Iraqi President Saddam Hussein received today a message from President Suharto of Indonesia concerning the oil market on the eve of key OPEC meetings in Vienna to discuss a new output pact.

The Iraqi News Agency said the message was delivered by visiting Indonesian Oil Minister Ginting Kartasasmita who had visited Iraq and Kuwait earlier this week.

An eight-member long-term strategy panel of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) will meet tomorrow in Vienna to discuss assigning new production limits for each state in a bid to boost sagging world crude oil prices.

The group's 13 oil ministers will meet again in Vienna on Nov 21 to take a decision on the same subject.

The main problem facing OPEC is bringing Iraq back into OPEC's quota structure which it left two years ago after its demands for the same allocation as Iran was refused. Iran still rejects quota parity with Iraq.

"Ginting is part of a concerted effort to settle the Iran-Iraq dispute on their quotas," a Western diplomat in Baghdad said.

Venezuelan Energy Minister Julio Cesar Gil has also visited Tehran and Baghdad in an effort to persuade the Gulf war foes to accept a compromise that would lead to an agreement on quotas.

OPEC members, especially Gulf members, stress the importance of achieving an agreement covering all members to boost oil prices. Spot oil prices are at least \$7 below OPEC's \$18 a barrel benchmark.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Nov 16, (Reuters): The national share market shrugged off bad balance of payments figures to close only marginally easier in subdued trade. The All Ordinaries index was down 0.9 points to 1,522.3.

TOKYO: Share prices rose to a record closing high for the fourth day in a row, boosted by heavy buying in blue chips. The Nikkei index rose 166.71 points, or 0.38 per cent, to a new closing high of 28,996.12.

HONG KONG: Share prices closed little changed after a day of trading focusing on a few second and third-line stocks. The Hang Seng index ended 1.7 points lower at 2,566.88.

BOMBAY: Prices closed mixed on the exchange after alternate bouts of selling and buying in the absence of sustained institutional support. Associated Cement fell 8.5 rupees to 378.

FRANKFURT: West German banks and bourses were closed for a national holiday. They will reopen tomorrow.

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Better US trade figures fail to give the dollar a lift

LONDON, Nov 16, (Reuters): News that the US trade gap narrowed in September failed to give the dollar a lift in international currency trading today.

The United States reported a September trade deficit of \$10.46 billion, better than August's \$12.27 billion and more or less what market pundits had forecast.

The dollar perked up initially but then eased in London to trade around 122.75 yen and 1.7350 West German marks, down from opening values around 123.50 and 1.7450.

Support
Still, dealers said it seemed that trade figure was giving it some support. A bigger deficit might have put it in a tailspin.

The dollar has fallen about five pence and 2-1/2 yen since the start of last week.

Speculators have been selling dollars on a belief that the United States will let its currency slip to help narrow its trade gap after George Bush takes over from President Reagan in January.

The weak dollar has been worrying stock markets, except Tokyo's which has powered to

record highs this week.

Wall Street stocks were mixed at today's opening in New York.

Brokers in New York said that the trade figures, coming in much as expected, did not boost the market and some players also took profits. Blue chips eased and the Dow Jones Industrial Average shed almost 10 points in early business to around 2,070.

Bonds fell, then recovered.

The mixed performance on Wall Street, plus profit taking, took the London Stock market down from day's highs.

The main boost in London was news of a joint takeover bid worth \$3 billion by Britain's General Electric and Siemens of West Germany for another electronics firm, Plessey.

The FTSE index of 100 British blue chips rose to 1,824.4, up 22.1 points from yesterday, before easing with Wall Street.

The Tokyo Stock market had closed before the US trade figures, advancing to a record for the fourth straight session with the Nikkei index up 166.71 points or 0.38 per cent at 28,996.12.

"It's a very positive mood,"

said Satsuki Oba, a broker at Barclays De Zoete Wedd Securities (Japan) Ltd.

"With the market trading in a narrow range for the past six months, investors were inhibited by a number of factors. The US presidential elections and the Republicans winning was probably one major hurdle removed."

Elsewhere in Asia, Hong Kong and Sydney shares ended little changed. In continental Europe, Frankfurt was closed for a holiday. French shares rose on the US trade data with the bourse indicator showing a gain of 1.1 per cent. But prices then settled back.

Reaction

Gold prices showed no dramatic reaction. Gold traded around \$424 in London, up about \$1.50 from the opening.

Later, dealers said the dollar's weakness brought America's central bank, the Federal Reserve, back into the open market. It bought the dollar when the currency was around 123 yen.

The dollar then steadied at its new, lower levels, around 123 yen and 1.7350 marks in the Lon-

don currency market.

Traders called it a choppy day, with relief that the trade deficit was no bigger vying in people's minds with a long-term view that \$10.5 billion is still deep enough in the red to indicate that a weaker currency will be needed eventually.

Slipped

The dollar later slipped close to all-time quoted lows against the yen and slid below 1.73 marks in London for the first time in five months, further depressed by comments from Federal Reserve Board chairman Alan Greenspan about America's other deficit — that on its federal budget.

He said the need to cut that deficit was becoming more pressing because it was neither possible nor desirable for the United States to rely on foreign funds.

The dollar fell to quoted lows in London of 1.7255 marks and 121 yen. Later, it traded a little firmer around 1.7285 and 122.65.

The all-time quoted low against the yen was 120.20 on January 4.

Gold advanced to be quoted as high as \$425.75 an ounce.

Conable hails Riyadh support

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia, Nov 16, (AP): World Bank president Barber Conable said that Saudi Arabia has given valuable support to the World Bank's International Development Association and to the special facility for sub-Saharan Africa, reported the Saudi newspaper Riyadh Daily today.

"I cannot stress enough the vital importance of this contribution to the poorest countries of the world," said Conable, in Riyadh at the invitation of the Finance and National Economy Minister, Mohammed Abul-Khalil.

Conable, who leaves tomorrow for Frankfurt, is discussing Saudi Arabia's involvement in World Bank programmes, as well as the country's own development efforts. He was in Jordan before coming to the kingdom on Monday.

Current trading system has no adverse effects on share prices, says Al Khalid

By Khaled Ahmad

COMPETITION from imported goods and commodities pose a real threat to the future of Kuwait industries and national development programmes, according to Minister of Commerce and Industry Faisal Al Khalid, who is also chairman of the Kuwait Stock Market Committee.

The ministry will conduct a comprehensive study on the customs protection policy Kuwait initiated a few years ago, Al Khalid announced. The study will be aimed at improving the rules and regulations of the policy, Al Khalid said.

The policy helped many Kuwaiti industries' progress on financial and marketing levels, he said.

Policy

The protection policy and the state economic policy thereby enabled the industrial sector to effectively contribute to the national income, he said. The ministry is constantly working to balance the protectionist policy with consumers' interests, he said.

Technical committees are now considering providing incentives to national industries in the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) states.

Al Khalid predicted that giving GCC citizens permission to trade in stock markets will increase trading and improve share prices. This will be particularly beneficial to the Kuwait Stock Market since it is the most organised and developed stock market in the Gulf. The Kuwait Bourse will be more qualified to attract Gulf dealers and investors, he said.

Reputation

Kuwaiti investment companies enjoy a good reputation and maintain a solid financial position, Al Khalid said. There is still room for more investment companies in Kuwait, he added.

In a related matter, Al Khalid said the current trading system at the stock market has no adverse effects on trading activity or share prices. He said the trading is governed by well-known rules aimed at protecting the rights of investors and preventing unac-

ceptable speculation.

The trading and units system in the market allows the prices of shares to double in not less than 10 days.

The director of the stock market has full authority to change these limits if he thinks it is necessary, the minister said.

Regulations

There are no strict regulations on price and trading units except those rules that govern and control share prices in the interests of all dealers.

Share prices are governed by economic, political, social and other changes and by the economic performance of companies, he said.

Al Khalid defended the level of share prices at the stock market. He said prices did not drop nearly as much as shares in other world markets at the end of last year when they saw prices drop by more than 30 per cent. After the world stock markets crash last year many investors brought their investments back to Kuwait, he said.

Many invested in the real estate sector. The encouraging performance in the real estate market will soon be reflected on the shares market, he predicted.

The minister also said the end of the Iran-Iraq war will help the economy throughout the Gulf region, but these improvements won't happen overnight, he warned.

Japan pushes tax reform package through lower house

TOKYO, Nov 16, (AP): The government today pushed a sweeping tax reform package through the lower house after a laborious compromise that brought the first official naming of political figures involved in a major stock scandal.

The government's big majority could have passed the tax bills easily, but the ruling Liberal Democratic Party sought agreement from opposition groups to show consensus on such a major change. The opposition, however, tried to link progress on the tax bills to revelations on the so-called recruit scandal that would embarrass the Liberal Democrats.

Session
Seeking an appearance on compromise and debate, the Liberal Democrats persuaded two opposition parties to attend today's session of the lower house.

But the Japan Socialist Party,

the largest opposition group, and the Communist Party boycotted the session, complaining that Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita's Liberal Democrats had not done enough to bare the stock scandal.

After two hours of debate this afternoon, the Liberal Democrats, who hold an ample majority with 304 of the 512 seats in the house, voted alone for the package of six tax bills.

Opposed were the Komeito (clean government party) with 57 seats and the Democratic Socialist Party with 29 seats.

The two parties had agreed only to attend the session but not to support the government after the Liberal Democrats consented to form a committee to investigate the burgeoning recruit scandal, release names of those who bought stock in a recruit subsidiary, and suspend three key figures for questioning.

The new committee had its first meeting last night and, a few

minutes after midnight (1500 GMT), the Liberal Democrats issued a list of 26 political figures and officials who had bought shares in the real estate firm Recruit-Cosmos Co.

Except for an aide to former Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone, all the people on the list had been named previously in the Japanese media, but it was the first official confirmation of those involved.

They included aides and family members of top politicians, such as Takeshita, Finance Minister and Deputy Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa, Nakasone and Shintaro Abe, secretary-general of the Liberal Democrats.

Hundreds of thousands of shares of Recruit-Cosmos Co. were sold to prominent figures before the stocks were listed publicly. Once over-the-counter trading began in 1986, the shares quickly rose in value and the holders made hefty profits.



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Attention

Non-Resident Indian investors

The seminar on NRI Bonds 1988 will be held on Friday, the 18th November 1988.

Venue: Kuwait Sheraton Hotel
Time : 6 pm

H.E. Mr. N.N. Jha, India's

Ambassador to Kuwait,

will preside.

Mr. K. Govindan,

General Manager
(Overseas Operations), State Bank of India

and

Mr. H.P. Ranina,

eminent tax consultant, will address.

All are cordially invited to attend.

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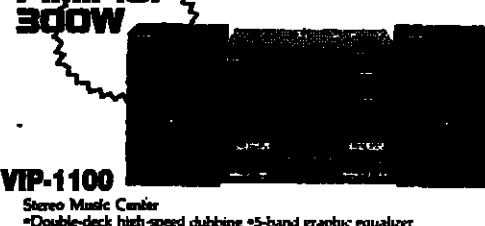
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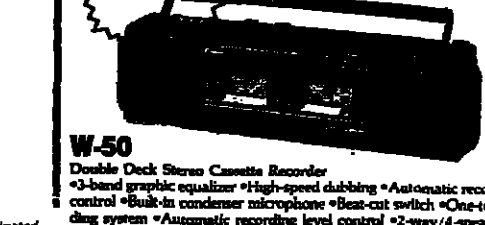
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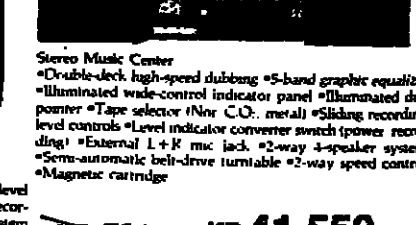
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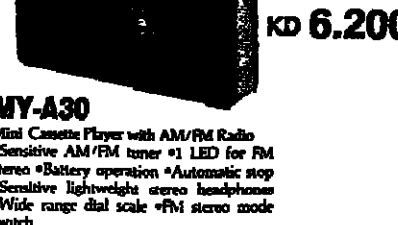
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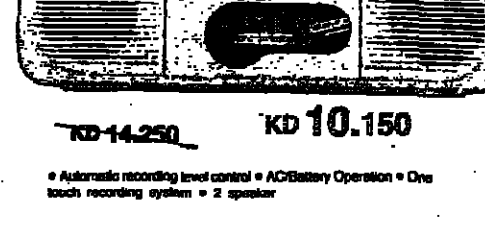
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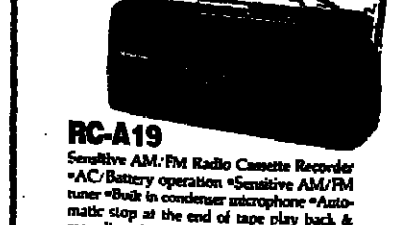
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As you have probably guessed by now from what I have written before on the subject, I really hate the hot weather! I am really happy to have a few months' break from the hot sun, dust and humidity. It will be nice to go out and walk around without getting all sweaty and bad-tempered, to wake up in the morning feeling refreshed and active and to have some energy left at the end of the day.

A bit of snow would of course complete the winter picture, but I suppose that is asking a little too much!

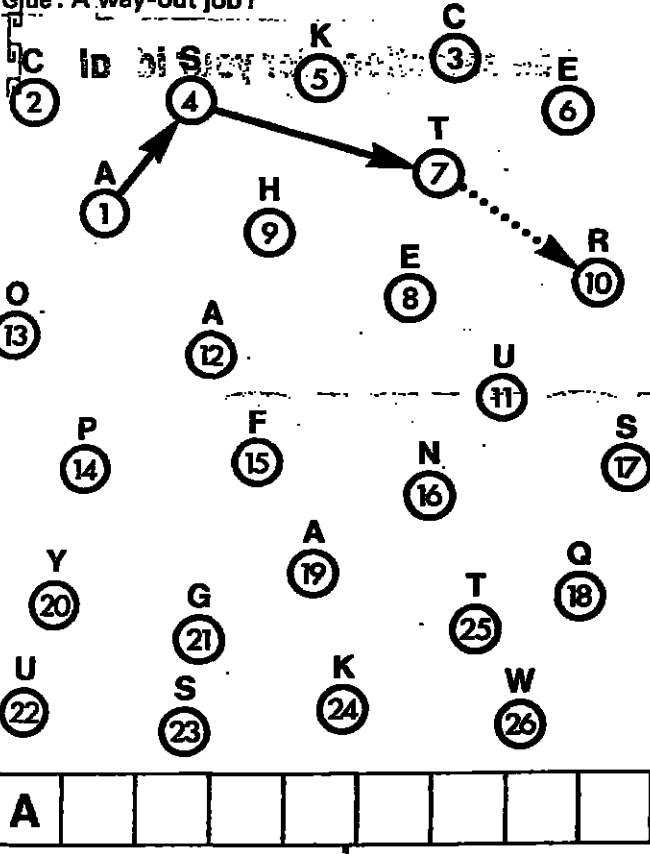
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Solution to Tuesday's crossword

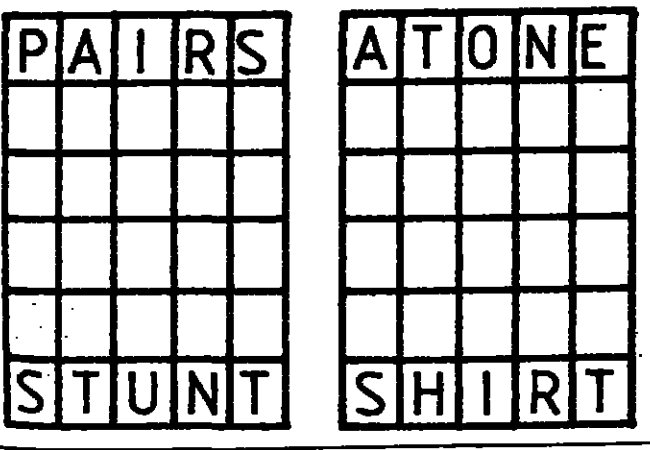
Across: 1 Efficiency; 7 Dancers; 8 Sea; 9 Ruled; 11 Lean; 13 Sole; 15 Deck; 17 Allot; 21 Run; 22 Abandon; 23 Entertainer.
Down: 1 Elder; 2 Flant; 3 Creed; 4 Ease; 5 Taste; 6 Years; 10 Use; 12 Ade; 14 Banana; 15 Dirge; 16 Comet; 18 Ladder; 19 Tunes; 20 Fair.



Draw the next arrow ... and the next ... and the next ... and so on. What's the rule? You join to a number 3 more. So 10 goes to 13 and so on. Note the letters next to the numbers your arrows point to. Put the letters in the boxes below. They spell out a hidden word.
Clue: A way-out job?



ALTER ONE LETTER AT A TIME TO MAKE NEW WORDS. CHANGE THE TOP WORD TO THE BOTTOM



By Elizabeth Clark

The old woman who lived in a vinegar bottle

ONCE upon a time there was an old woman who lived in a vinegar bottle; (she had a little ladder to go in and out by). She lived there for a great many years, but after a time she grew discontented (and wouldn't you — if you lived in a vinegar bottle?). And one day she began to grumble, and she grumbled so loud that a fairy, who was passing by, heard her.

"Oh dear! Oh dear!" she said. "I oughtn't to live in a vinegar bottle. 'Tis a shame, so it is, 'tis a shame. I ought to live in a nice little white house, with pink curtains at the windows and roses and honeysuckle growing over it, and there ought to be flowers and vegetables in the garden and a pig in a sty. So there ought. 'Tis a shame, so it is, 'tis a shame."

Well, the fairy was sorry for her (and wouldn't you be sorry for a person who lived in a vinegar bottle?). And she said, "Well, never you mind. But when you go to bed tonight, just you turn round three times, and when you wake up in the morning you'll see what you'll see!"

So the old woman went to bed in the vinegar bottle and she turned

round three times. (I don't know how there was room to do it). And when she woke up in the morning, she was in a little white bed in a room with pink curtains. And she jumped out of bed and ran across the room and pulled aside the pink curtains and looked out of the window. And it was a little white house, with roses and honeysuckle, and there was a garden with flowers and vegetables, and she could hear a pig — grunting in the sty!

Well, the old woman was pleased. But she never thought to say "Thank you" to the fairy.

Well, the fairy she went east and she went west, and she went north, and she went south; and one day she came back to where the old woman was living in the little white house with pink curtains at the windows, and roses and honeysuckle — and flowers and vegetables in the garden — and the pig in the sty. And the fairy said to herself, "I'll just go and take a look at her. She will be pleased."

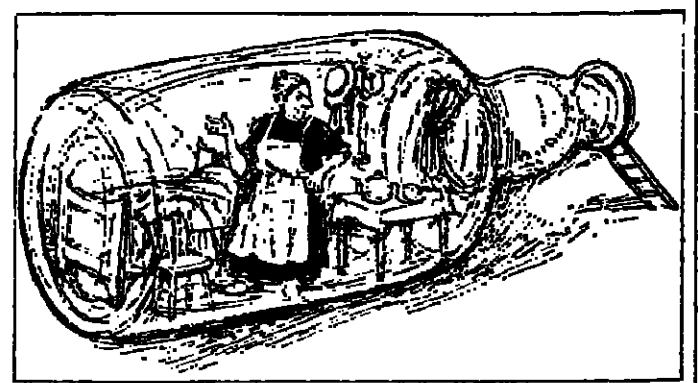
But do you know, as the fairy passed by the old woman's window, she could hear the old woman talking to herself, and what do you think she was saying? "Oh! 'tis a shame," said the old woman, "'tis a shame. So it is, 'tis a shame. Why should I live in a poky little cottage? Other folks live in little red brick houses on the edge of the town where they can watch who goes by to market. Why shouldn't I live in a little red brick house on the edge of the town and see the folks going by to market? And I'm getting too old to do my own work. I ought to have a little maid to wait on me. So I did. Oh! 'tis a shame, 'tis a shame, 'tis a shame."

Well, the fairy was disappointed because she did hope she would have been pleased. But she said, "Well, never you mind. When you go to bed tonight, just you turn round three times, and when you wake up in the morning you'll see what you'll see!" So the old woman went to bed in the little white

house with the pink curtains at the windows and the roses and honeysuckle — and the flowers and vegetables in the garden — and the pig in the sty. And she turned round three times. And when she woke up in the morning — someone was standing by the bed, saying, "Please, mum, I've brought you a cup o' tea." And when she opened her eyes and looked, there was a little maid to help her do her work; and she'd brought the old woman a cup of tea to drink before she got out of bed. And when the old woman had drunk her tea, she got up and looked out of the window. And it was a little red brick house, and it was on the edge of the town, and she could see the folk going by to market!

Well, the old woman was pleased. But she never thought to say "thank you" to the fairy.

Well, the fairy she went east and she went west, and she went north, and she went south; and one day she came back to where the old woman was living in the little red brick house,



on the edge of the town, and where she could see the folk going by to market. And the fairy said to herself, "I'll just go and take a look at her. She will be pleased!"

But do you know, when the fairy stood on the old woman's door-step, she could hear (through the keyhole) the old woman talking to herself. (The fairy wasn't listening at the key-hole. It was just as high as her ear, and she couldn't help hearing.) And what do you think she was saying? "Oh! 'tis a shame," said the old woman, "'tis a shame, so it is, 'tis a shame. Why should I live in a little house, when other folks live in a big house in the middle of the town, with white steps up to the door, and men and maids to wait on them, and a carriage and pair to go driving in? Why shouldn't I live in a

big house, in the middle of the town, with white steps up to the door, and men and maids to wait on me, and a carriage and pair to go driving in? 'Tis a shame, 'tis a shame, so it is, 'tis a shame!"

Well, the fairy was disappointed, because she did hope that she would have been pleased. But she said, "Well, never you mind. When you go to bed tonight, just you turn round three times, and when you wake up in the morning you'll see what you'll see!"

So the old woman went to bed that night in the little red brick house on the edge of the town, where she could see the folk going by to market, and she turned round three times, and when she woke up in the morning — she was in the grandest bed she had ever seen!

(To be continued on Tuesday)

How quickly can you change each of these words into another word by altering a single letter only? For example, by changing the D of HEARD to T, you get HEART. Rate yourself like this:

2 minutes: incredible	5-7 minutes: good
3 minutes: brilliant	8-10 minutes: more practice needed
4 minutes: very good	11+ minutes: not your day

1 WEALTHY	9 EMPRESS
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3 PATROL	11 PEACE
4 DESCEND	12 APPEAL
5 EXTENSIVE	13 LONELY
6 DAIRY	14 FRET
7 PORTAL	15 SISTER
8 QUOTA	16 CONTENT

balance the egg

This trick really is an old one. Christopher Columbus used to entertain his crew with it, on his way to discover America.

The trick is to balance an egg on its end. Shake the egg hard but carefully so that the shell does not break. This will break up the yolk inside.

The yolk then settles at the bottom of the egg and the extra weight there lets you balance the egg quite easily.

WATCH THIS SPACE

E	L	E	C	T	R	I	C	B	P
C	S	T	E	K	C	O	R	E	T
O	F	I	H	E	L	M	E	T	A
M	L	S	R	U	C	L	J	F	K
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A	E	S	R	A	Y	G	U	N	M

Clue: He's in the 25th century (4,6 letters)

GAMES	GLUE
HELMET	JETS
LASER	LAUNCH
LIGHTS	MARTIAN
MODULE	NOISE
RAY GUN	RIDE
ROBOTS	ROCKET
SPACE	STAR TREK
STAR WARS	TAKE-OFF

Ha! Ha!

Teacher: Harold, you've put two T's in 'rabbit' — there's only one.
Harold: Which one should I have left out?

What has a head, four legs and only one foot?
A bed.

Jane: Lottie had her face lifted last week.
June: Good heavens! Who on earth would want to steal her face?

What did the Irishman say to the chiropractor?
My fate is in your hands.

What is an autobiography?
The life story of a car.

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WILL MY SPAGHETTI BE LONG?
ABOUT 20 CENTIMETRES SIR

I'D LIKE ASPARAGUS
WE DON'T SERVE SPARROWS, AND MY NAME'S NOT GUS!

WHAT'S THIS FLY DOING ON MY ICE CREAM?
LEARNING TO SKI, SIR

THIS FISH LOOKS FUNNY
WELL, GIVE IT A ROUND OF APPLAUSE

HAVE YOU GOT CHEILIT?
YES BUT I'M WEARING TWO VESTS

WHAT'S ON THE MENU TODAY?
LOOKS LIKE A BLOB OF KETCHUP, SIR

THAT WAS THE WORST THING I'VE EVER TASTED
WAIT TILL YOU GET THE NEXT COURSE

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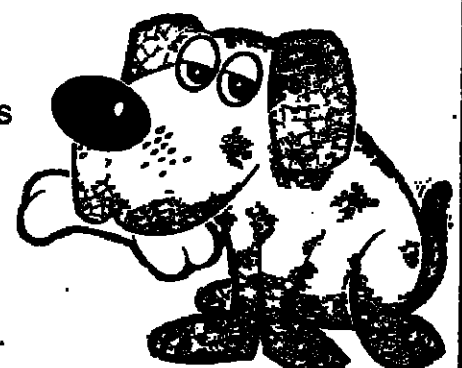
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LOCAL CRICKET

OKCC and Social triumph

OKCC thrashed Lanka Lions Cricket Club by 51 runs while Social Cricket Club outclassed Wah Ge Wah by 40 runs in Goodyear YMCA Cricket Tournament matches at the Ahmadi Governorate grounds earlier this week.

In the first match, OKCC won the toss and opted to bat. Their openers put on 36 runs for the first wicket before Alfat was out for 15. OKCC kept on losing wickets at regular intervals and were able to score only 144 for nine in the 30 allotted overs.

Praveen was the top scorer with 41 while Pradeep hit an unbeaten 25.

Lions needed nearly five runs per over for victory but found the going tough and were all out for 93 in 23 overs. Alam and Savio bowled well, taking four and three wickets respectively. Mahmood took two wickets while Musaddique got one.

In the second match, Social were in trouble early in their innings after losing the first three wickets for only 17 runs.

Reached

Razzak, Merywn and Dawood rescued Social with some brilliant batting. Razzak hit five fours in his 38. Merywn hammered six fours in his 52 and Dawood scored 37 with the help of five fours as Social finally reached 158 for six in 24 overs.

For Wah Ge Wah, Ali was the most successful bowler, taking three for 38 while Masood got two for 44 and Amjad one for 40. In reply, Wah Ge Wah were all out for 118. Yasin with 22, Masood 18, Khalid 22 and Ifthikhar 22 were the main scorers.

Razzak and Rafiq took three wickets each for 19 and 22 runs respectively. Chris claimed two wickets while Danny got one.

Tomorrow Bright Stars meet Zarqa (umpires from Skylarks) in the morning at 8.45 am while Union take on Skylarks (umpires from Quaid-e-Millat and Social) in the afternoon at 12.45 pm.



Mukesh: quick 52

Zarqa crush Super Star

ZARQA Cricket Club crushed Super Star by 103 runs in a Sabah Trophy cricket tournament match at the Sabah ground earlier this week.

Zarqa, batting first, scored 187 for the loss of four wickets in their allotted overs. Mukesh was in excellent form, hammering 52 runs off only 22 deliveries. He hit three sixes and five fours.

The other batsmen to do well were Naeem Iqbal with 35 and Zahid Mirza with 65. Zahid played a solid innings and graced his runs. Sikander and Tahir took one wicket each.

In reply, Super Star were never in the game from the start of the innings. They never really got on top of the bowling, which was too accurate for them, and were all out for only 84 in 18.2 overs.

Sarfaraz was the top wicket-taker with four for seven while Naeem Iqbal took four for 13.

Hyderabad win twice

HYDERABAD Cricket Club (HCC) opened their defence of the Lions Cup cricket tournament with two straight wins over the weekend.

The first game against Bombay Youth started with HCC aiming for a high score. Rodney was in irresistible form, powering his way to 52 quick runs.

Mumtaz played well but was only able to score 21. Sethi hammered eight fours in his 51 while Hafiz scored 16. James 3 and Masood 10 as HCC put on 175 in the allotted 25 overs.

Bombay Youth found the going tough and could only score 124 for the loss of six wickets. Wahid with 37 was the top scorer. Hafiz, Masood, James, Saleem and Ronny were the successful bowlers.

In the second match HCC took on Lions. HCC skipper Saleem won the toss and opted to bat, openers back to the pavilion before the score reached the double figures.

Masood also left quickly. Sethi hit a six and seemed in form

12 KIWI PLAYERS HIT BY VIRAL FEVER

Brave New Zealand defy India

BANGALORE, India, Nov 16, (Reuters): New Zealand, rocked by an outbreak of viral fever affecting most of the team, made a courageous fightback against India on the fourth day of the first cricket Test today.

Recruiting two journalists to fill up their depleted ranks in the field after they had prevented the ignominy of a follow-on, they were 73 without loss in their second innings at close of play after India set them a target of 337 to win.

Ruled

"This has to be one of the greatest days in New Zealand's cricket history," said team manager Ken Deas, who ruled out the possibility of sending for replacements or cancelling the next match against Tamil Nadu state starting on Saturday.

"Twelve of our squad have contracted viral fever. I'm told they should be all right after 48 hours but Richard Hadlee and Chris Kuggeleijn are very sick indeed," he said.

Deas also attacked the Bangalore wicket as "the worst we've seen in Test cricket."



Ian Smith turns a ball for four during the first innings. (Reuters wirephoto)

Both Hadlee and Kuggeleijn had risen from their sickbeds in an attempt to save the follow-on in the morning session.

Kuggeleijn came out with only two runs required to make India bat again but in his first Test innings was given out leg before to Kapil Dev for nought, the first of two dubious decisions by Pilo Reporter.

The first was another lbw in favour of Kapil Dev given against Ian Smith, whose plucky 30 was crucial in saving the follow-on.

But it was Hadlee who administered the coup de grace when he slashed Kapil Dev wide of point for four to take his side past the follow-on target of 185.

Bowled soon after by Kapil.

Hadlee along with Kuggeleijn returned exhausted straight to the team hotel.

The Indians, with a first innings lead of 195, batted with expected aggression in their second innings to hammer an infirm attack for 141 for one off only 28 overs before declaring.

New Zealand's fielders included two broadcasting journalists covering the tour, former captain Jerry Cone and Ken Nicholson who played first-class cricket in the 1970s.

When New Zealand went back in, openers John Wright and Trevor Franklin put together their second half-century partnership of the match, frustrating the Indian spinners who did not gain as much assistance from the wicket as expected.

Captain Wright, needing 84 to pass Bev Congdon's New Zealand record aggregate of 3,448 Test runs, batted with all his usual grit to end up one short of an admirable 50 off 112 balls.

Scoreboard

INDIA first innings 384 for nine declared (N. Sidhu 116, Hadlee 5-65) NEW ZEALAND first innings

(after rest day 145 for 6)
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J. Wright c Lal b Ayub 22
A. Jones c Srikanth b Ayub 45
G. Srinivasan c Srikanth b Raman 14
K. Rutherford c Lal b Hirwani 14
E. Gray lbw b Hirwani 1
R. Hadlee b Kapil 5
J. Bracewell c More b Ayub 3
I. Smith lbw b Kapil 30
C. Kuggeleijn not out 4
C. Kuggeleijn lbw b Kapil 0
Extras (b 6, lb 5, nb 9) 23
Total 189

Fall of wickets: 1-58 2-62 3-118 4-128 5-135 6-140 7-149 8-183 9-183.
Bowling: Kapil Dev 9.3-4-24-3, Ayub 48-21-51-4, Hirwani 31-12-42-2, Shastri 14-8-15-4, Raman 17-4-26-1, Srikanth 3-2-1-0.

INDIA second innings:
K. Srikanth not out 58
Arum Lal c and b Gray 33
N. Sidhu not out 43
Extras (b 5, lb 2) 7
Total (for one wicket declared) 141
Fall of wicket: 1-64

Bowling: Chatfield 14-9-61-0, Bracewell 8-0-34-0, Gray 6-0-39-1.
NEW ZEALAND second innings:
J. Wright not out 49
T. Franklin not out 16
Extras (b 5, lb 2) 8
Total (for no wicket declared) 73

Bowling to date: Kapil Dev 4-0-16-0, Ayub 14-6-28-0, Hirwani 8-3-4-5-0, Shastri 7-1-21-0, Raman 2-0-5-0.

Navratilova struggles past Savchenko

NEW YORK, Nov 16, (Reuters): Martina Navratilova struggled against Soviet substitute Larisa Savchenko before getting untracked to post a 6-7 6-3 6-3 victory in the first round of the \$1 million Women's Championships yesterday.

Savchenko, ranked 17th in the world, came to the tournament as the alternate but replaced American Stephanie Rehe who withdrew this morning with an ankle injury.

The Soviet hit her blistering backhand for repeated winners and appeared to be reading Navratilova's serve throughout the first set, which she won 9-7 in the tiebreak with a sizzling backhand passing shot that sent Navratilova diving.

Navratilova, second in the world and seeded number two here, varied her serves in the second and third sets and broke Savchenko twice in each set to close out the victory.

Savchenko once again came

close to upsetting a top player before falling short. The 22-year-old Soviet led West German world number one Steffi Graf 3-1 in the final set at the Seoul Olympics before losing the last five games.

"Savchenko is a dangerous player," admitted Navratilova. "She is hard for everyone to play because she hits some great shots. But once my game, my serve clicks in, I know I can beat her."

Hopes

Sixth-seeded Natalia Zvereva suffered a second set meltdown but kept Soviet hopes alive by beating Canadian Helen Klesi 6-2 1-6 6-2 to set up a second-round match against grand slam champion Graf.

Zvereva was troubled by an inconsistent backhand throughout the match but outplayed the Canadian in the final set of the baseline duel.

Seventh-seeded Manuela

Maleeva of Bulgaria had a surprisingly easy time against American serve-and-volleyer Lori McNeil beating her 6-1 6-0 in just 48 minutes.

Before yesterday's games, Navratilova announced she was changing coaches for the sixth time in two years but insisted that her disappointing 1988 season had no bearing on the decision to part ways with Tim Gullikson.

"The change has nothing to do with how we're getting along — which is great — or with my results, and it has everything to do with Tim's family," Navratilova said.

Navratilova said Craig Kardon, a tennis professional from Dallas, would be her coach in 1989.

This was the first year since 1981 that Navratilova, 32, failed to win a single Grand Slam title and the Czechoslovakian-born left-hander lost ground to Graf in the battle for the number one ranking.



Navratilova

Bayern rally to hold Stuttgart

MUNICH, West Germany, Nov 16, (Reuters): Bayern Munich scored two goals in the last 10 minutes to salvage a 3-3 draw with second-placed VfB Stuttgart yesterday and preserve their three point lead at the top of the West German First Division.

Stuttgart shrugged off Saturday's humiliating 6-1 defeat at Kaiserslautern, taking the lead in front of a 63,000 crowd in the Munich Olympic stadium in the seventh minute through Fritz Walter.

Roland Wohlfarth equalised for the home side shortly before half-time.

Maurizio Gaudino put the visitors back in front in the 54th minute and must have thought he had secured victory when he put his side 3-1 up in the 78th minute.

But Bayern, past masters of the escape act, came back with goals from Jurgen Wegmann in the 80th minute and Swedish substitute Johnny Ekstroem six minutes from time.

Unity lift Monteiro Cup

UNITY Hockey Club clinched the Monteiro Cup with a 1-0 victory over XI Brothers in the final earlier this week.

The final was a drab affair, with both the sides putting more importance on defence and resorting to isolated attacks.

It was during one of these attacks that a Nasser-Liaqat move saw Ifthikhar take an accurate pass and attempt to score. The goalkeeper made a brilliant save but Arif pounced on the rebound to decide the match.

The matches to decide the over-placings were most interesting. The junior string of Kuwait Independents hammered the senior side 3-1. Frankie, Judas and Peter played well in the forward line for the junior side while brothers Vinay and Nicky contained the senior side's attacks.

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ATHLETICS

Canada begins investigation into drug scandal

TORONTO, Nov 16, (Reuters): A judge opened a federal investigation yesterday into use of illicit drugs by amateur athletes in Canada, focussing on the scandal that stripped sprinter Ben Johnson of an Olympic gold medal.

Justice Charles Dubin, on the first day of hearings, announced he would examine the role Johnson's associates played in the making of the world's fastest man.

"Are Canadian athletes being exploited by others who, for financial gain or other gain, would risk the reputation and health of our athletes?" Dubin said.

Responsibility

"The responsibility is obviously not that solely of the athlete, and we will, therefore, inquire into the responsibilities of the self-governing sports federations, both national and international, and of coaches, trainers, physicians, agents and the like."

Absent from the opening session were Johnson and his professional entourage, which has denied supplying the runner the banned anabolic steroid stanozolol found in his urine after the 100-metre race in Seoul in September. Johnson was disqualified and his gold medal awarded to American Carl Lewis, who had finished second.

Leonard gives up two titles

NEW YORK, Nov 16, (AP): US boxer Sugar Ray Leonard relinquished the World Boxing Council light heavyweight and super middleweight titles yesterday, but did not say he was retiring.

In a letter sent to WBC president Jose Sulaiman of Mexico, Leonard said, "since I don't know my present plans concerning the continuation of my boxing career I have decided to give up both titles."

Ranked

WBC rules would not allow Leonard to hold both titles, which he won by stopping Donny Lalonde in the ninth round on Nov 7 at Las Vegas.

Lalonde had been the light heavyweight champion, and the WBC also allowed the two men to fight for the vacant super middleweight title.

"It would be unfair to those highly ranked fighters in either weight division to have to wait for the opportunity to become a WBC champ," Leonard said in the letter released by the office of his attorney, Mike Trainer, at Bethesda, Maryland.

The 32-year-old Leonard is the only man to win at least a piece of five world titles. He has come out of retirement three times.

Lalonde, in New York to receive an award for his work against child abuse, said earlier yesterday he would like a rematch.

In Memoriam

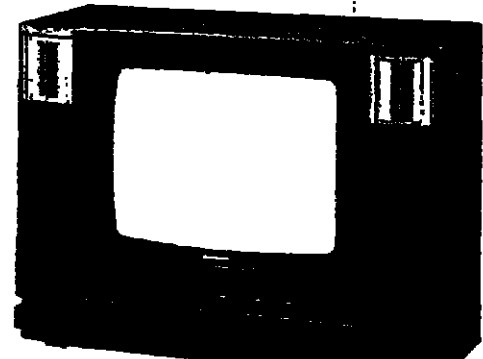


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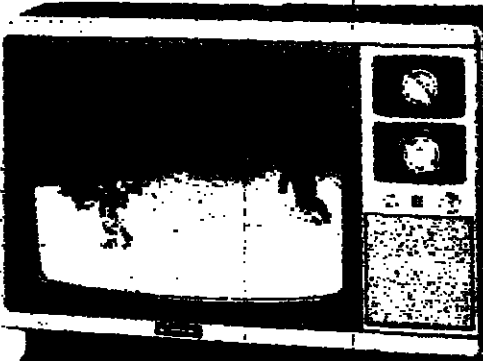
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Al Wazzan to lead off rally

By Gail Seery

TOMORROW'S local rally will start out from the Messilah Beach Hotel at 8.30 am, and head towards the Amghara area. There are two special stages, which have been chosen by Clerk of Course Richard Bondi to represent a realistic test to drivers.

First away will be Tareq Al Wazzan and Khaled Khalifa in their Malboro Toyota Celica. Next will be Ahmed Al Helal and stand-in co-driver Shakir Mubarak in their Rothmans Toyota Corolla.

Ali Birami will leave the start third, followed by Ahmed and Ghazi Al Zafiri in their modified Suzuki. Fifth seed for the event is Eid Falah driving the Zayani Range Rover, partnered by Sadeq Ashkanani.

Ahmed Al Helal said he was looking to the rally, as the stages were difficult and therefore a challenge. His car was running



Al Wazzan with his car at scrutineering. (Photo by Raed Outaina)

well, but he hadn't had much time to practice, having travelled to Doha for a special inter-club meeting last weekend. Nevertheless he should be a driver to watch.

Ahmed Al Zafiri, undoubtedly one of Kuwait's best drivers, and his co-driver Ghazi are hop-

ing for their luck to change in this event. So far their Suzuki, heavily modified to give it extra power, has failed to finish any event in its year-long career.

"We've done a lot of work on this car since the last rally," Ghazi Al Zafiri said at scrutineering. "We are confident that we can bring a

good result this time."

There are a total of ten stages to be driven, and there will be a halt after the sixth stage. The first car is expected back at the Messilah Beach Hotel at 4.30 pm.

Entry list

1. Tareq Al Wazzan/Khaled Khalifa, Toyota Celica; 2. Ahmed Al Helal/Shakir Mubarak, Toyota Corolla; 3. Ali Birami/Mohd Zaid, Daihatsu Charade; 4. Ahmed Al Zafiri/Ghazi Al Zafiri, Suzuki; 5. Eid Falah/Sadeq Ashkanani, Range Rover; 6. Tareq Al Alyan/Khalid Ali, Daihatsu Charade; 7. Ahmed Al Nasser/Bader Al Zaidi, Toyota Celica; 8. Abdullah Al Showair/Anwar Abu Jarwar, Mitsubishi Starion; 9. Saad Al Shamir/Ahmed Al Edress, Datsun 1600; 10. Hassan Al Sayid/Amjed Quinech, Range Rover; 11. Ahmed Al Mousa/Douki Al Douki, Datsun; 12. Khamees Al Khamees/Abdul Latif Rashid, Datsun; 13. Ibrahim Al Mousad/Fawzi Al Khadiri, Datsun 1600; 14. Younis Ali/Hassan Jaber, Lada 1600; 15. Mohd Jarrar/Fadi Mansur, Toyota Corolla; 16. Ahmed Al Mulla/Ibrahim Mousa, Nissan 240 RS; 17. Nouri Mubarak/Mohd Sarhad, Nissan GT; 18. Hassan Karaki/Hussein Karzi, Fiat Racing; 19. Salah Al Ali/Osama Mahmoud, Toyota Land Cruiser; 20. Nasser Mousaleem/Mohd Al Ali, Datsun Silvia; 21. George Wartejan/Mohd Ali, Mitsubishi Lancer; 22. Ali Al Mousawi/Mahmoud Bukh, Opel Ascona; 23. Adel Al Ghanim/Andre Soufian, Suzuki GT.

SPORTS BRIEFS

England held

RIYADH, Nov 16, (Reuters): Saudi Arabia and England drew 1-1 (halftime 1-0) in a friendly soccer game today. Scores: Saudi Arabia — Majid Abdullah (15th); England — Tony Adams (54th).

Tennis team

KUWAIT, Nov 16, (KUNA): His Highness the Amir today received the chairman and board members of the Tennis Union and national tennis team, on the occasion of their winning first place in the fourth Arab Championship held in Baghdad.

Zeeshan wins

QITA, Japan, Nov 16, (AP): Top-seeded Zeeshan Ali of India trounced Japan's Shigeru Ota 6-1 6-4 today in the first round men's singles of the Japan Dunlop circuit '88 tennis tournament.

NL's MVP

NEW YORK, Nov 16, (Reuters): Los Angeles Dodgers outfielder Kirk Gibson edged Darryl Strawberry of the New York Mets to win the National League's Most Valuable Player award, in a result announced yesterday by the Baseball Writers Association.

Greg Norman

PORT DOUGLAS, Australia, Nov 16, (Reuters): Australian Greg Norman, shocked by his poor performance in the \$2 million golf championship in Pebble Beach, California, is cutting back on his 1989 schedule.

Italy beat Netherlands

ROME, Nov 16, (Reuters): A lone first half goal from Gianluca Vialli gave 1990 World Cup hosts Italy a 1-0 victory over injury-hit European champions the Netherlands in a friendly soccer international in Rome today.

The goal by Vialli one minute from the interval completely turned the tide of play. The match until then had been dominated by the Dutch despite injuries which left them with just five of the players who won the European Championship last June.

Before Vialli scored with a sudden breakaway against the run of play the Netherlands had taken almost total control, forcing the game more and more into the Italian half and looking constantly dangerous.

But his goal revived the young and largely inexperienced Italian side who took the initiative for most of the second half as the Netherlands, robbed of the

talents of injured AC Milan star Ruud Gullit, faded badly.

Midfielder Frank Rijkaard looked well below form and tired while the lone Dutch striker, Marco van Basten, was more and more effectively closed down by Internazionale's Giuseppe Bergomi as the match progressed.

Two of the best players on the pitch were new caps Pieter Huijsstra for the Netherlands and Italy's Roberto Baggio, brought into the side at the last minute after Sampdoria's Roberto Mancini went down with an ear infection.

Baggio's perfectly-timed pass left the Dutch defence stranded in the 44th minute, enabling Vialli to slot the ball neatly past goalkeeper Hans van Breukelen with a diagonal right foot shot.

Left winger Huijsstra was unlucky to head over the bar from a few metres out in the 31st minute in one of the best Dutch scoring chances.

Werder close gap at top

BONN, Nov 16, (Reuters): Champions Werder Bremen moved up to third place in the West German soccer First Division after crushing Stuttgarter Kickers 6-0 today.

It was one-way traffic for the visitors as Frank Neubarth fired a hat-trick and fellow striker Karl-Heinz Riedle scored a brace of goals against the newly-promoted side.

The win puts Bremen within four points of leaders Bayern

Munich, with a game in hand. Kickers, who have been consistently outclassed in the top ranks, slumped back to bottom of the table.

Bayern preserved their three-point lead over VfB Stuttgart by salvaging a 3-3 draw against the second-placed club in a thrilling clash last night, thanks to two goals in the last 10 minutes.

Bayer Uerdingen moved into fifth place after a 3-1 win at home to Kaiserslautern today.

Salcete edge past BOC for final

SALCETE: UNITED reached the finals of the Rothmans Gold Cup football tournament with a 1-0 victory over Boys Own Club at the Sour grounds earlier this week.

Salcete were all over the BOC territory in the first half but failed to convert their superiority into goals. The BOC defense also stood fast.

In the second half of the game, Salcete substituted Sulstiano for Francis Dias and this change seemed to pay dividends. The Salcete team took control of the half again.

Taken

The only goal of the game came through Rommel, who headed in a corner kick taken by Victor. This goal stunned the BOC players who tried desperately for an equaliser but to no avail.

The Salcete defence stood firm under a BOC onslaught and held on until the end of the game to move into the final.

In the final Salcete will meet United Goans.

NBA games

NEW YORK, Nov 16, (Reuters): Results of National Basketball Association (NBA) games played yesterday:

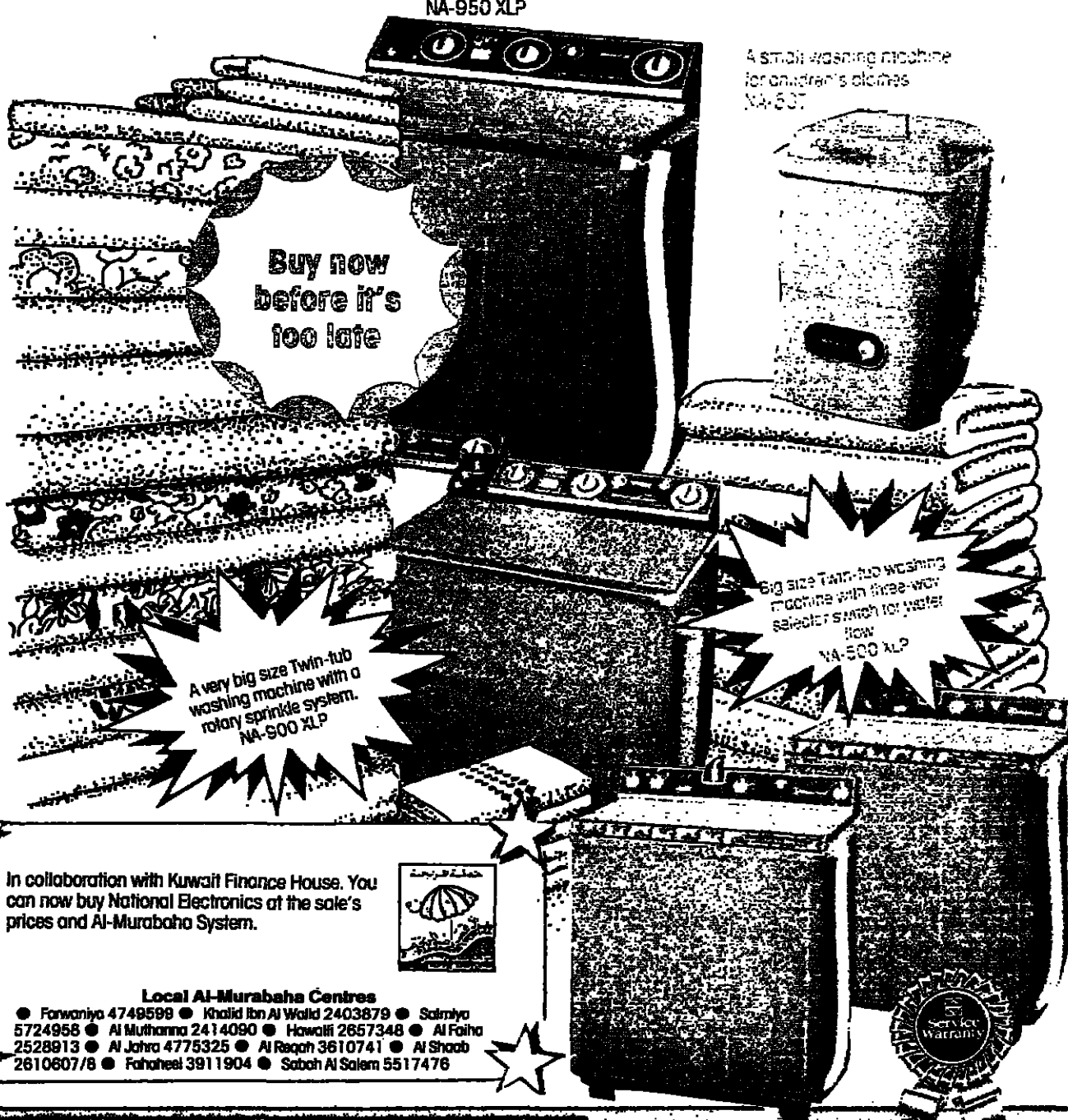
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